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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, for general circulation, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with the Ordinances and Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the Reports of the Finance Committee, City Clerk, City Marshal, City Messenger, City Solicitor, Superintendent of Highways and Bridges, Superintendent of Water Works, Chief Engineer, Trustees of Public Library, Board of Health, Police Justice, City Physician, City Collector, and any other matters thought expedient.

GEORGE H. RICHARDS,
President Common Council.

Passed Dec. 1, 1881.

IRA W. RUSSELL,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1881.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, IRA W. RUSSELL, by the retiring Mayor, HORATIO KIMBALL, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz:

Board of Aldermen:

CHARLES F. WILSON,
CYRUS PIPER,
GEORGE W. MCDUFFEE,
DEXTER W. GILBERT,
LUTHER P. ALDEN.

Board of Common Council:

JAMES SPENCER,
MILTON M. PARKS,
RUFUS FREEMAN,
JERRY P. WELLMAN,
JAMES W. RUSSELL,
HENRY W. NIMS,
JAMES H. FISHER,
CLARK N. CHANDLER,
AUSTIN E. HOWARD,
GEORGE H. RICHARDS,
CHARLES W. SHEDD,
ZEBINA K. GRAVES,
STEPHEN L. RANDALL,
DELOS C. BALL,
HENRY S. COUILLARD.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Albert Walkley, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows:

MAYOR RUSSELL'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:—

In conformity with established usages and the requirements of law, I in common with yourselves have taken the prescribed oath to fulfil to the best of my ability the obligations of the office to which I was so unexpectedly summoned. And, distrusting as I do, my ability, as compared with that of my worthy predecessors, to perform the duties the trust imposes, I crave and hope to receive that kindly consideration to which an honorable intent to do one's whole duty, unbiased by partisan considerations, would entitle me.

In view of the general prosperity that has in the years past attended us, and the exemption from those direful calamities that have fallen on other places, we ought indeed to be a grateful people, and be ever mindful of our dependence on that Almighty Power on which every being, from the highest to the lowest, is dependent. And I would especially suggest that a cold and formal recognition alone of our dependence is but hollow mockery if it fails to stimulate within us a sense of duty to God and our fellow men that shall actuate us to a practical adoption of those grand precepts so beautifully exemplified in the life of the Master.

And while we accept the official positions to which, by the partiality shown us, we have been elected, let us ever be mindful of our trusts, and of the fact that unfulfilled pledges, a lack of effort, and consequently of good practical results, will in nowise be acceptable, or entitle us to that confidence which we should earnestly strive to merit.

Fortunately the selections in the several Wards of councillors, whose fitness for their respective offices is so fully conceded, give good assurance that the administra-

tion of our municipal affairs for the ensuing year will in no wise prove a failure, at least so far as their action is essential to success.

FINANCE.

The matter of finance is one in which we all have a direct interest, and hence will claim your thoughtful and considerate action; for this forms the basis of all the benefits we can hope to derive through the various avenues of our city government, and upon the judicious management of it largely depends the success or failure of our efforts. To the resources of a corporation, however much of wealth there may be to rely upon, there is a limit beyond which, in the matter of expenditures, it cannot safely go.

In our individual transactions, sound policy dictates that ordinary expenditures shall come within the range of our income, as the many can attest who from an opposite course have come to financial ruin. And if, in the management of our individual interests, success only comes of prudent action, it is the plainest logic that the same would hold true in our corporate capacity. And then again, it should be remembered that no inconsiderable portion of our finances comes from the laboring classes — the wealth-producers of the country — and that by lavish expenditures, necessitating excessive and oppressive taxation, very many of them are consequently made to suffer. At the same time, whatever our real wants and necessities as a city and community demand, should be granted, and in such manner as shall insure, in a good degree, durability and permanency.

The ordinary city charges for the past year amount to $8,713.84, against $7,196.86 for 1879. Deducting the damage paid in the Zimmerman case, ($3000), it reduces the expenditures for 1880 to $5,713.84.

The Committee on Finance recommend the raising of $22,100 to meet the expenses of the coming year — the

same amount as recommended last year — less $1000 for drainage; and that $10,000 of the same be raised by taxation, and the balance be supplied by money already in the treasury. By adopting this, our taxes would be made lighter for the coming year, only to be raised for the next and succeeding years.

In view of the fact that some $42,000 of the water bonds become due in less than five years, I submit for your consideration whether it would not be policy to reserve the surplus treasury funds, or such part of them as might be deemed proper, to apply in payment of these bonds. Or, if the loss of interest on these idle funds in the treasury is an item to be considered, and a portion of them is used as recommended by the Finance Committee, I would recommend that a sinking fund be created by an annual appropriation sufficient in amount to reduce the bonds to a point where the income from water rates would equal the interest on those unpaid, together with the expenses incidental to the management of the works; thus relieving us of the necessity of an appropriation for the purpose indicated.

Owing to judicious management on the part of my predecessors and their councillors, our financial affairs are in a sound and healthy condition, there being about $35,000 in reserve in the Treasury. This is indeed a good showing, considering the heavy drafts that for the years past have been made upon it, and will help largely to relieve and lighten the burdens of the future.

WATER WORKS.

The main on Marlboro' street has been extended by laying 2244 feet of six inch cast iron pipe, with four hydrants and branches, at an expense of $2,275.52, also by 496 feet on Railroad Square, at a cost of $531.10 — making the total construction account to date $162,699.58. The Water Commissioners in their report commend the action

of the Superintendent of Water Works, in that he has "faithfully, efficiently and courteously" performed his duties; and make suggestions with reference to the selection of Superintendent well worthy of your consideration. They say that in this respect "there is great need of civil service reform"—that it is not an office to be awarded "through motives of personal favor or prejudice," but that in the selection, one should be chosen with "special reference to fitness;" and when such an one is secured "the mode of election and salary should be such as to ensure greater permanency of service than is practicable to secure with prevalent methods."

You will all, I doubt not, appreciate the force of these suggestions. There is hardly an office that comes within your province to select an incumbent for, in which greater discrimination should be shown. A man who would fill many a responsible position with credit to himself and acceptable to others, might lack the essential qualifications for a trust like this. Hence the importance of a judicious selection, and of a compensation adequate to secure the services of one whose fitness for the office is well established.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In the Chief Engineer's report are suggestions worthy of your consideration, and to which I would especially invite your attention. Sufficient encouragement should be given to insure the maintenance of an active and efficient fire department. Our safety from the greatest of all destroying elements depends largely on this.

HIGHWAYS.

In the report of the Superintendendent of Highways that official renders an account of his stewardship somewhat in detail, which evidences that he has not been unmindful of his responsibilities. Much additional labor and expense was incurred by the building of new sewers.

and for filling up for the engine house on Vernon street, the removal of which from the old site was necessitated by the enlargement of city hall.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In the report of the Trustees of the Public Library are many facts and suggestions that I commend to all, the full import of which can only be had by its careful perusal. The number of books reported in the Library Dec. 1, 1879, was 4747. Number of books issued during the year, 23,604, making a daily average of about seventy-five taken by citizens, and showing an appreciation of the benefits derived from this source, not to be mistaken.

The ordinance relating to the management of the Public Library makes it the duty of the City Councils to elect the Librarian, and also gives it in charge of six Trustees, who "may establish such rules and regulations for the government of their body and the management of the Public Library as they may deem advisable." I submit, as from their position and direct connection and interest in its management and results, whether they would not be better qualified to select a suitable person for Librarian, than the Councils, or parties who have no personal knowledge of its workings or requirements.

SCHOOLS.

Although our educational interests do not come within your province of action, except in the election of Superintendent of Schools outside of Union District, and in certain other specified cases, yet it is a subject in which all are interested. And it is gratifying to know that good results, through the efficiency of the Board of Education, and the teachers under their supervision, are reported. And, also, that the High School continues its prosperity under the present management, and gives promise of continued success.

CEMETERIES.

The Board of Trustees having the general care and management of Woodland Cemetery has been abolished. Its duties are now performed by a Superintendent of Woodland and other cemeteries, under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Burial Grounds. The management during the past year has been efficient and satisfactory. By the will of Mrs. Sarah K. Hibbard, a native of Keene, the city has received the sum of $1000, the interest of which is to be "used and appropriated for the maintenance, care and preservation of the lot in the cemetery wherein are buried" her father, Salma Hale, her mother, children and other relatives. By the will of the late Charles Stearns Faulkner, the city will receive the sum of $2500, the income of which is to be expended in "ornamenting and improving the cemetery, its walks, drives and shrubbery." The generous spirit which actuated these bequests is appreciated by all good citizens. The friends of the donors may feel sure that the trusts thus reposed in the city will be gratefully and faithfully executed.

MANCHESTER & KEENE RAILROAD.

You are referred to the Solicitor's report for a statement of the present status of the Manchester & Keene Railroad. The City Councils refusing to pay the gratuity as demanded by the parties to whom it was assigned, a suit was commenced by the latter against the City, by writ returnable at the court now in session at Manchester. The large amount involved, the ambiguity of the wording of the resolutions granting the gratuity, the conditions therein expressed and possibly not performed, the various assignments of the gratuity, the uncertain position which the purchasers of bonds might otherwise occupy, and the fact that we have no sufficient guaranty that the road will continue to be operated, are considerations which probably

determined the action of the City Government in the matter. A full and impartial hearing will doubtless be had; and it is to be hoped that the decision of the Court will be cheerfully acquiesced in by all interested.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

The City Marshal reports 159 arrests during the past year, against 154 the previous year. As usual, drunkenness and disorderly conduct, largely caused by the use of intoxicants, furnish their full share of the whole number. The evils of intemperance are to be deplored by all, especially in the use of intoxicating liquors. Their baneful and destructive influences have been known and felt in almost every land—to stay and overcome which, many of the wisest and best men of this and former times have labored with a zeal and earnestness worthy of the cause. Much has been gained through legislative enactments, yet the experience of the past has shown us that but little has been accomplished through this instrumentality, compared with what was hoped and expected. This is admitted with deep regret; nevertheless it is a fact too patent to all. And I opine that our country never will, in any good degree, be relieved from this curse until the moral sense of the nation is sufficiently aroused to demand legislative action looking to the control or suppression of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors, except for legitimate uses. Congress, together with the national executive, clearly have this power, and it will be exercised when the people, who make Presidents and Legislators, demand it.

So long as the general government recognizes it as a legitimate commercial business, taxing and receiving revenue from it as such, and millions of gallons are annually manufactured and put upon the market, we may reasonably expect, despite all efforts to the contrary, to suffer as in the past, in a greater or less degree.

There is an inconsistency in our attitude in this matter

that seems quite irreconcilable with our professions. In our capacity as a nation, through our chosen Legislators, constituting the National Government, we legalize a traffic that, through our State Legislators, we severely denounce, and enact the most stringent laws to suppress. Grant licenses and privileges for a consideration, in the one case, and visit severe penalties on the party when attempting a realization of them, in the other. And while we should make available all the instrumentalities that promise good results in the suppression of this vice — such as the moral sense of the community may approve — we should in no wise lose sight of the importance of earnest and persistent efforts until the representatives constituting our National Councils shall have given us freedom, in its truest sense, from the effects of a traffic prolific of evil, such as humanity has never known or experienced from any other cause.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

There are suggestions in the report of the Board of Health that commend themselves to the good sense of every one. We are all interested in the subject matter that it comes within their province to deal with. And it becomes every citizen to unite their efforts with those of the proper authorities in practically carrying out their suggestions, and in correcting the evils complained of. Lacking the adaantages of drainage, as we do, to carry off the accumulating filth, it is all the more important that individual care be exercised in this direction, if we would not invite those fearful diseases that so often come of indifference and neglect.

It is to be hoped that at no distant day we shall see our way clear to commence and carry out, year by year, a system of drainage that will insure to us immunity from the evils complained of. Especially should we take heed and put ourselves in a condition to ward off those diseases which come of miasmatic gases generated from accumu-

lated filth, as from indications not to be ignored, the coming year, if not the years to come, will be prolific of diseases and epidemics beyond what is usual. And those of the influences that we can control, that will help to force these evils upon us, should be resisted by strenuous and unremitting effort.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is a growing demand for the services of a Day Policeman, in view of exhibitions of rowdyism often witnessed on the streets. The advantages of an officer of this kind have not been deemed sufficient for the past years to warrant the extra expense necessary for this purpose. To obviate this objection, and at the same time secure the desired result, with but little additional expense, it has been suggested that the offices of Day Policeman and City Messenger be combined with that of City Marshal, the Marshal to receive a salary commensurate with his services. It is also claimed that by adopting this, most of the extra special police service would be saved. If the benefits of all these offices could be realized, as claimed, for about the expense now incurred, it is a subject worthy your considsration. Not having had the opportunities to know of the practical workings of these departments, and with but little time to investigate and consider them, I feel that many of you are better qualified to judge of the advisability of the proposed change.

In the completion of City Hall we have our wants and tastes gratified in a manner that ought to satisfy all. The seating capacity, as compared with the old one, is nearly doubled; the stage commodious, the scenery appropriate and well arranged, and adapted for the various purposes for which it was designed. The work in all departments has been thoroughly and well done. In its arrangements and equipments and artistic finish, it must compare favorably with the best in the State. Much credit is due to

those who have had the matter in charge for the faithful manner in which their duties have been performed. And it is to be hoped that, as now enlarged, arranged and completed, the hall will meet all our requirements in this direction, for many years to come.

The faithful, impartial and intelligent manner in which the retiring Mayor, together with the Councils, have discharged their multifarious duties, is to be highly commended; and in many directions they—as well as former administrations—have set us examples we should do well to follow. That there should be differences of opinion as to the propriety or necessity of certain improvements that have been made, involving the outlay of considerable sums of money, it is quite reasonable to expect: and that commendation or censure would naturally follow, as the one party or the other approved or disapproved.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let me express the hope that unity of action, so far as may be consistent with duty, and a tolerant spirit toward those who may from sincere motives differ from us, shall characterize our actions and intercourse with each other; ever bearing in mind that watchful eyes will be upon us to detect and criticise our errors, and, may we hope, to commend, if our acts are worthy of approval. And moreover, that by a faithful and conscientious discharge of the obligations our respective offices impose, to, in a good measure, disarm any feeling of prejudice that may, from just or unjust cause, have been entertained toward us.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7:30 o'clock P. M., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of George H. Richards, President, and James E. Parmenter Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT,

1881.

MAYOR:

IRA W. RUSSELL.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.
Charles F. Wilson.

WARD 2.
Cyrus Piper.

WARD 3.
George W. McDuffee.

WARD 4.
Dexter W. Gilbert.

WARD 5—Luther P. Alden.

LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

COUNCILMEN:

GEORGE H. RICHARDS, *President.*

WARD 1.
James Spencer,
Milton M. Parks,
Rufus Freeman.

WARD 2.
Jerry P. Wellman,
James W. Russell,
Henry W. Nims.

WARD 3.
James H. Fisher,
Clark N. Chandler,
Austin E. Howard.

WARD 4.
George H. Richards,
Charles W. Shedd,
Zebina K. Graves.

WARD 5.
Stephen L. Randall. DeLos C. Ball, Henry S. Couillard.

JAMES E. PARMENTER, *Clerk.*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Piper, Councilmen Chandler and Fisher.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Alden, Councilmen Shedd and Fisher.

Bridges.—Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Graves and Nims.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Fisher and Graves.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman McDuffee, Councilmen Russell and Randall.

Fire Department.—Alderman Alden, Councilmen Parks and Freeman.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Piper, Councilmen Spencer and Couillard.

Water Works.—Alderman McDuffee, Councilmen Howard and Freeman.

Printing.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Shedd and Ball.

Schools.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Howard and Graves.

Claims.—Alderman Alden, Councilmen Wellman and Russell.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Gilbert, Councilmen Russell and Ball.

Public Library.—Alderman Piper, Councilmen Wellman and Chandler.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Piper, McDuffee and Gilbert.

Licenses.—Aldermen Alden, Wilson and McDuffee.

Simmons and Ministerial Funds.—Aldermen Wilson, Piper and Gilbert.

Police.—Aldermen Piper, Wilson and Alden.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Chandler, Parks and Randall.

Elections.—Councilmen Spencer, Conillard and Nims.

City Hall.—The Mayor, Councilman Russell and City Messenger.

CITY SOLICITOR:

John T. Abbott.

POLICE JUSTICE:

Edward Farrar.

CITY MESSENGER:

Edwin O. Keith.

ASSESSORS:

Daniel R. Cole, A. T. Wilder,
Sylvester Spaulding, Daniel A. Brown,
Parker C. Butler.

COLLECTOR:

Samuel O. Gates.

CITY TREASURER:

Royal H. Porter.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WARD 1.
William L. Davis.

WARD 3.
Daniel H. Holbrook.

WARD 2.
George Kingsbury.

WARD 4.
Shubael White.

WARD 5.—Philander Howland.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS:

Julius N. Morse, John J. Holbrook.

CITY PHYSICIAN:

Gardner C. Hill.

SEXTON:

Philander Howland.

SUPT. OF WOODLAND AND OTHER CEMETERIES:

Henry Purcell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS:

Daniel H. Sawyer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:

John L. Butler.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Charles H. Hersey.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. W. Gilbert, Mrs. M. R. Osborne,
Wm. P. Chamberlain, Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert,
Charles H. Hersey, Miss Katie I. Tilden.

LIBRARIAN:

Mrs. L. M. Converse.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

John Humphrey, Dan'l L. Holbrook, N. G. Gurnsey.

CITY MARSHAL:

Samuel O. Gates.

CONSTABLE:

Edwin O. Keith.

NIGHT POLICE:

Horace Joslin.

SPECIAL POLICE:

Jacob Staples,
Parker C. Butler,
E. O. Keith,
Philander Howland,
Frederick L. Pitcher,
Ralph J. Holt,
Joseph W. Cummings,
James Bierne,
Henry H. Haines,
Addis E. Bennett,
Horace Joslin.

CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Freeman A. White.

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the City Councils in 1880.

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for Highways and Bridges.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a further sum of five hundred dollars be taken from any funds in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the benefit of highways and bridges.

Passed December 11, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for repairing and painting old settees, for purchasing and painting new settees, and for furnishing window curtains for city hall.

Passed Dec. 16, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Steam Heating Apparatus in City Hall Building.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to cover in part the expense of placing steam heating apparatus in city hall building.

Passed Dec. 16, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the City Pasture.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings shall have the general care and superintendence of the city pasture, and with the Superintendent of Highways shall fix the price of pasturage, and gravel, and decide upon any improvements to be made.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said Superintendent to rent the pasture, collect the income, and deposit the same with the City Treasurer, attend to the building or repairs of fences, and all other matters necessary for the preservation and proper management of the property, and at the end of the year report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen the receipts and expenditures of said city pasture.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect from its passage.

Passed December 29, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of Trustees Woodland Cemetery.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Trustees of Woodland Cemetery for 1879–80 be allowed the following sums for services:

H. P. Muchmore,	$35 00
John G. Stone,	10 00
Elbridge Clarke,	5 00

Passed December 29, 1880.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to City Hall Building.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That His Honor the Mayor, with the Committee on Lands and Buildings, be a committee to draw, and cause to be printed, Rules and Regulations in relation to the care and preservation of city hall, and city hall building, defining the duties of the janitor, and such other matters as they may deem expedient, and have a suitable number of copies framed and hung upon the walls of the building in appropriate places. Also, that said Committee be instructed to procure a suitable clock for city hall, and cause the same to be properly placed therein; and that the sum of thirty-five dollars be appropriated therefor from any money not otherwise appropriated in the Treasury.

Passed January 8, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for Water Works.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of $206.32 be appropriated to pay the balance of E. Gustine's bill for laying water works on Marlboro' street and Railroad Square, as contracted by the Water Commissioners, being in excess of former appropriations, and that the same be taken from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed January 8, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for the ensuing year.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated as follows:—

For Ordinary City Charges,	$7,000
Highways and Bridges,	6,000
Sewers,	500
Fire Department,	1,500
City Paupers,	2,000
Interest on Water Loan,	1,800
Public Library,	500
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,400
Police,	1,200
Support Public Library,	200
	$22,100
Memorial Day,	100

Passed January 6, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Chapter XIII. of the General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That Chapter XIII. of the General Ordinances be amended by adding thereunto as follows:—

SEC. 18. The Health Commissioners shall receive in full for their services, and all duties appertaining to their office, the sum of twenty dollars each per year, payable annually.

Passed January 22, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Lighting the City of Keene with Gas.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, for lighting the City of Keene in accordance with the contract accompanying this resolution.

Passed January 22, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 13, Sec. 6 of the General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That Sec. 4, Chap. 13, of the General Ordinances be amended by substituting the words Four Hundred for the words Two Hundred, and Sec. 2, Chap. 13, be amended by substituting the word Five Hundred for the words Four Hundred, and that Sec. 12, Chap. 6, be amended by substituting the words Six Hundred for the words Four Hundred and Fifty.

Passed February 17, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Room for Public Library.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the North room in city hall building, recently built by the city, be and is hereby tendered the Trustees of the Public Library for the use of said library, and that a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, in addition to the amount recently appropriated for library expenses, be taken from the Treasury from any funds not otherwise appropriated, and that the Joint Standing Committee on Public Library be authorized to fit up the said room according to plans which may be agreed upon by the said Joint Committee and Trustees of the Library.

Passed Feb. 17, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to Registration of Deaths.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SEC. 1. That the City Clerk shall be a Registrar, whose duty it shall be, in addition to those now imposed by law, to receive and record and index the following facts concerning the deaths in the City of Keene, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he receives them: designating in separate columns the date of the death, the name of the deceased, the sex, the color, the condition, whether single, widowed or married, the age, the residence, the occupation, the place of birth, the names and places of birth of the parents, the cause of death, the place of burial, and the date of record.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said Registrar to see that all laws and ordinances relating to the interment and disinterment of the dead are faithfully executed.

SEC. 3. Said Registrar is authorized to give permission for the burial and for the removal of dead bodies from the city; and no person shall bury or inter, or cause to be buried or interred, entombed or disentombed, or shall have charge of the obsequies or funeral rites preliminary to the interment of a human body, or assist in the removal of a dead body for interment, without first having obtained permission so to do from said Registrar; and any person who shall violate this Section, or the terms of the permit given by said Registrar, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars, and not more than twenty dollars—for the use of the city.

SEC. 4. The Registrar shall not give permission for the burial of any dead body until he obtains all necessary facts for the aforesaid record; provided, however, that he may give such permits when he deems it impossible or impracticable to obtain the facts required by the foregoing sections

further than the cause of death, which must in all cases be furnished.

SEC. 5. Any physician, having attended a person during his or her last illness, shall forthwith furnish said Registrar for registration a certificate of the duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died, and the date of decease, as nearly as he can state the same. If any physician neglects or refuses to make and return such certificate as aforesaid to the Registrar, he shall be fined not more than twenty dollars for each offence—for the use of said city.

SEC. 6. No person shall bury, or cause to be buried or interred, any dead body at any other time of the day than between sunrising and sunsetting, except when otherwise permitted by the Registrar; and no person shall inter or cause to be interred any dead body in a grave which shall be less than four feet deep from the surface of the ground surrounding the grave to the top of the coffin. Any person violating this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than one dollar, and not more than five dollars—for the use of said city.

SEC. 7. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed February 3, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Cruelty to Animals.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. If any person shall overdrive, overload, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate, or cruelly kill, or cause or procure to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly

beaten, mutilated or cruelly killed, any animal; and if any person having charge and custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, shall inflict unnecessary cruelty upon the same, or unnecessarily fail to provide the same with proper food, drink, shelter, or protection from the weather,—he shall for every such offence be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 2. If any owner, possessor, or person having the charge or custody of any animal, shall cruelly drive or work the same when unfit for labor, or cruelly abandon the same, or carry the same or cause the same to be carried in or upon any vehicle or otherwise in an unnecessarily cruel or inhuman manner, or knowingly and willfully authorize or permit the same to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty of any kind, he shall be punished for every such offence in the manner provided in the preceding section.

SEC. 3. If any person shall keep or train any bird, dog, or other animal, with intent that such bird, dog or other animal shall be engaged or used in an exhibition of fighting, or shall establish or promote an exhibition of the fighting of birds, dogs or other animals, he shall for every such offence be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 4. If any person is present at any place, building or tenement when preparations are being made for an exhibition of the fighting of birds, dogs, or other animals, with intent to be present at such exhibition, or is present at, aids in, or contributes to such an exhibition, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 5. Any person who shall keep or use any live pigeon, fowl, or other bird, for the purpose of a target, or to be shot at either for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship, and any person who shall shoot at any bird as aforesaid, or be present as a party, witness, umpire or judge at any such shooting of any fowl or bird, and any person who shall rent any building, shed, room, yard, field or premises, or shall knowingly suffer or permit the use of any building, shed, room, yard, field or premises for the purpose of shooting any fowl or bird as aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Nothing contained in this section shall apply to the shooting of any wild game in its wild state.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables and police officers to prosecute all violations of the provisions of this ordinance which shall come to their notice or knowledge.

SEC. 7. Any and all fines imposed and collected by virtue of the provisions of this ordinance shall be paid to the treasurer of such incorporated and organized society to prevent cruelty to animals as shall have caused to be instituted the prosecution resulting in such fines, for the use of such society.

SEC. 8. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed Feb. 17, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE amending Sec. 3, Chap. 10, of the General Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the word "ten," in the last line of Sec. 3, Chap.

10, be stricken out, and the words "nine and a half" be inserted therefor.

Passed March 3, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Pay of Board of Education and Supt. Schools.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to each member of the Board of Education in Union District, and fifty dollars to the Superintendent of Schools, for services during the year ending March, 1881, and that the same be paid from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 18, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Ordinances, &c.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whereas Sec. 2, Chap. 4 of the General Ordinances requires to be published all Ordinances and such Resolutions as may seem best; therefore

The Joint Standing Committee on Printing are hereby instructed to have published, at the lowest price, all Ordinances and such Resolutions as they may direct that have been passed by the Councils since Jan. 1, 1881, or that may pass during this year.

Passed April 7, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION to Repair City Hall Cellar.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to immediately cause the cellar formerly occupied by Babcock & Son to be put into a safe and healthy condition; also do what repairing needs to be done in the room occupied by the Superintendent of the Water Works, and the entry and stairway connected therewith; and that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for the same.

Passed April 7, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to Water and Gas Stop Box Covers.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. From this date, all stop boxes placed in the public highways of this city, with the upper end at the surface of the street, shall be covered with a suitable iron cover, with a drop flange to properly fit the inside of said boxes, of not less than five inches in depth, the whole to be of such weight and construction as not to be displaced by the passage over them of animals or carriages.

SEC. 2. All water and gas boxes now in the public highways of this city, with covers at the surface of the street, not constructed in accordance with specifications in Sec. 1 of this Ordinance, shall within thirty days be provided with such, in place of those now on them.

SEC. 3. All gas and water boxes with covers designed to be at the surface of the public highways of this city, which may have been thrown up by the frost, or from which the gravel has been worn away, shall be at once brought to grade, either by the replacing of gravel, or by the sinking or shortening of such boxes, and kept in such relation to the streets at all seasons of the year; and it shall be the duty of the Water Commissioners, and the

officers of the Gas Company, to see that the boxes and covers in the public highways of Keene, belonging to their respective departments, are made to conform to the requirements of this Ordinance, and kept in such condition.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed May 5, 1881.

AN ORDINANCE amending Chap. 6, Sec. 6, of the City Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the words "In excess of the sum of Two Hundred Dollars" be inserted in the seventh line after the word "money" of Chap. 6, Sec. 6, City Ordinances, and that at the end of said Section, following the word "Keene," be added the following words: "And all contracts for extensions, or other work, in excess of the sum of two hundred dollars shall have the approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen."

Passed May 23, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to School Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the money required by law to be assessed in the city of Keene for the support of schools, and the portion of the Literary Fund assigned to the city, and all money arising from taxation of dogs, remaining in the Treasury of the city on the first day of April, A. D. 1881, be apportioned among the school districts in said city as follows, viz: seventy-five dollars to be assigned to the sev-

eral districts for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district respectively.

Passed June 16, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Settees for Park and Repairing Band Stand.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to place upon the park such a number of settees belonging to the city as they think best; also, that the same Committee be instructed to repair and paint the band stand, and that the expense of the same be paid from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 16, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Stairway in City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to change the stairway at the South entrance of the city hall, according to the plans presented by Mr. Gordon, and that a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars be appropriated to defray expenses of same from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed July 7, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from any funds in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the expense of one thousand copies of catalogue for Public Library, and for other Library expenses.

Passed July 7, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Roof of City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be instructed to have the roof of city hall put in proper condition to prevent leaking — removing the balustrade now on the building, if necessary; and that the expense of the same be paid from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed September 1, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Appropriating Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for "ordinary city charges" from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed September 15, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Memorial Services.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a committee of three, one from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and two from the Common Coun-

cil, together with His Honor the Mayor, be appointed to make such arrangements as may seem best in observing Memorial Services on Monday next, and that His Honor the Mayor be authorized to request all places of business to be closed during such hours of the day as he may decide, by proclaiming the same to the citizens of the city.

Passed September 22, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Appropriating Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sums of one thousand dollars for Paupers, and one hundred and fifty dollars for expense of Public Library, be and is hereby appropriated from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise disposed of.

Passed October 10, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be and are hereby instructed to purchase and erect, or cause to be erected, posts and lanterns at the lowest possible price, for the purpose of street lighting, at such points, and on such streets as have been petitioned for, and said Committee have reported in favor of establishing, such street lights, viz: one on Colorado street, near Park Row; one on Vernon street, near house occupied by E. Burr; one on the corner of Roxbury and Grant streets, and one on the corner of Roxbury and Beech streets—four in all; and cause the same to be lighted with gasoline, agreeable to contract with U. S.

Gasoline Company, dated Jan. 1, 1881, and that the expense of the same be taken from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed October 6, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Deluge Hose Co.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Deluge Hose Company be given the sum of twenty dollars for the purpose of purchasing chairs for their hall, the same to be taken from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed Nov. 2, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be requested to procure a post and lantern and cause the same to be erected at a suitable point on Taylor street, agreeable to petition of George Kingsbury and others, and cause the same to be lighted as per report of Committee: and that said Committee also be requested to cause a street lantern to be lighted at the corner of Pleasant and Mechanic streets whenever such lantern and fixtures shall be procured and put in readiness for lighting, agreeable to petition of John W. Sturtevant and others, and recommended by the Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts; the above expense to be paid from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not exceeding $10 for post, and $4 for lantern.

Passed Nov. 17, 1881.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Appropriating Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much of that amount as may be necessary, be and hereby is appropriated from any money in the treasury of the city for the purpose of making any repairs on walks about the City Hall building, and placing a hood over the outside door in walk; and the proper Committee or Committees are hereby directed to give immediate attention to the work, that it may be done without delay.

Passed Nov. 18, 1881.

IRA W. RUSSELL, *Mayor.*
GEORGE H. RICHARDS,
President Common Council.

A true copy;—Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1880, to December 1, 1881, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

L. Martin, services as Assessor, 1879,	$ 4 00
J. A. Drummer, land damage,	12 00
Daniel R. Cole, services as Assessor, 1880 and '81,	116 00
A. T. Wilder, " " "	136 25
S. Spaulding, " " "	171 75
G. F. Sanborn, repair water closet,	9 25
Z. K. Graves, services as Assessor, 1880,	4 00
E. Farrar, services as Police Justice, 1880 and '81,	200 00
Knowlton & Stone, supplies,	28 67
Dort & Chandler, paper, &c., for Deluge house,	9 39
L. C. Doolittle, recording, and salary as City Clerk,	564 87
Mrs. H. M. Edwards, land rent,	10 00
J. E. Parmenter, salary as Clerk of Council,	50 00
J. T. Abbott, " City Solicitor,	50 00
J. J. Holbrook, surveying,	48 50
E. O. Keith, salary as City Messenger,	350 00
H. S. Martin, " City Treasurer,	50 00
H. Kimball, balance salary as Mayor, 1880,	50 00
J. Coffey, salary as Selectman, ward 5,	5 00

L. W. Martin,	salary as	Selectman.	ward 5,	$5 00
A. H. Hamblett,	"	"	" 5,	5 00
L. W. Chesley,	"	Clerk,	" 5,	5 00
S. A. Morse,	"	Moderator,	" 5,	2 00
J. D. Stevens,	"	Selectman,	" 4,	5 00
M. C. Ellis,	"	"	" 4,	5 00
R. C. Ross,	"	"	" 4,	5 00
J. E. Parmenter,	"	Clerk,	" 4,	5 00
G. H. Tilden,	"	Moderator,	" 4,	2 00
Chas. A. Jones,	"	Selectman,	" 3,	5 00
Geo. A. Sherman,		"	" 3,	5 00
E. Ayer,	"	"	" 3,	5 00
A. A. Woodward,		"	" 3,	5 00
F. H. Fay,	salary	Selectman,	" 2,	5 00
F. Chapman,	"	"	" 2,	5 00
Geo. K. Wright,	"	Moderator,	" 2,	2 00
F. A. White,	"	Selectman,	" 1,	5 00
J. A. Batchelder,	"	"	" 1,	5 00
A. Nims,	"	Clerk,	" 1,	5 00
J. W. Babbitt,	"	Moderator,	" 1,	4 00
H. Purcell, salary Supt. Woodland Cemetery and Selectman ward 2,				55 00
W. B. Fitch, for wood,				7 25
H. M. Darling,	salary	Supervisor,	ward 2,	22 50
D. R. Cole,	"	"	" 1,	27 50
J. F. Emmons,	"	"	" 4,	27 50
A. O. Fisk,	"	"	" 3,	15 00
C. Sullivan,	"	"	" 5,	15 00
Mrs. L. M. Converse, salary Librarian,				300 00
J. G. Warren, rent of room for library,				79 92
Mrs. R. F. Hill, medical services,				2 50
H. Giffin, coal,				162 21
Humphrey Machine Co., making ballot box,				4 00
H. P. Muchmore, salary as trustee of cemetery,				35 00
Spencer & Co., coal for city hall, etc.,				178 51
L. Martin, team,				2 00
J. G. Stone, salary as trustee of cemetery,				15 00
E. Clarke,	"	"	"	5 00

H. P. Muchmore, coal,	$ 4 50
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on Deluge engine house,	75 98
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	591 75
Aldrich & Co., insurance on city hall,	225 00
A. Smith, postage.	6 25
Cheshire R. R. Co., rent of land,	30 00
Nims, Whitney & Co., blinds, &c., for office,	12 95
Keene Gas Co., gas,	415 67
J. E. Wright, salary as clerk Ward 2,	5 00
Rubber Type Co., rubber stamp,	1 45
W. W. Ross, work in city hall,	20 50
E. Clarke, use of hall,	6 00
A. L. Harkness, painting sign,	4 00
C. F. Rowell, salary as Health Commissioner,	20 00
J. N. Morse, " " "	20 00
J. J. Holbrook, " " "	20 00
W. H. Spalter, " Moderator Ward 3,	2 00
P. O'Leary, care of engine house at elections,	2 50
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	128 00
M. T. Tottingham & Co., furniture, etc., for hall,	16 40
W. & T. J. French, oil, etc., for street lamps,	2 93
A. A. Bundy, for desk case,	8 50
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work in old hall, etc.,	23 78
Bancroft & Roby, damage to horse,	125 00
W. H. Prentiss, overpaid tax,	20 34
D. W. Beamis, expert testimony in M. & K. R. R. case,	53 10
Edward Frost, " " "	270 00
H. H. St. John, " " "	332 25
A. G. Moulton, " " "	250 00
C. L. Heywood, " " "	293 00
J. T. Abbott, expenses, etc., in " "	289 38
J. W. Buckminster, teams on M. & K. R. R.,	24 50
P. Howland, trucking,	2 50
Manchester Novelty Works, repairing stamp,	1 25
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery and books,	18 19
E. O. Keith, work on city hall,	34 60
Blake & Mason, city directories,	3 00
M. Armstrong & Co., plumbing, etc.,	4 65

E. W. Gustine, gas brackets, etc.,	$ 4 95
W. B. Allen, printing,	26 50
Rev. W. W. Hayward, salary as Supt. Schools,	50 00
Board of Education,	135 00
S. M. Redding, gross of pens,	50
H. W. Hubbard, pipe work on hall, etc.,	64 29
I. W. Russell, salary as Mayor from Jan 1881,	150 00
O. P. Applin, work on wash bowl,	3 00
Jackson & Hayward, hardware,	5 15
A. H. Sterling,	50 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., stationery and books,	42 82
A. Giffin, overpaid tax,	5 08
Republican Printing Co., printing,	20 00
W. R. Dunham, report of births and deaths,	7 25
G. W. Flagg, " " "	7 00
G. C. Hill, " " "	12 25
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	43 29
S. O. Gates, work in park, etc.,	13 87
E. Gustine, gas fixtures,	28 00
Eagle Hotel, ward room for elections,	20 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., on M. & K. R. R. case,	5 00
Parker C. Butler, salary as Assessor, 1881,	97 00
D. A. Brown, " " "	109 00
H. W. Woodbury, making keys for office,	1 00
D. Hamilton, 2 gross pens,	1 75
S. White, salary as Tax Collector, 1880,	350 00
J. W. Cummings, work on park,	2 00
J. T. Abbott, expenses to Concord, tax case,	25 00
H. H. Hall, damage to horse, etc.,	75 00
S. O. Gates, sheriff fees in M. & K. R. R. case,	17 00
E. S. Philbrick, expert testimony M. & K. R. R. case,	754 40
Thomas Doane, " " "	856 50
A. J. Aldrich, refreshments,	3 00
G. A. Gordon, work,	5 00
County of Cheshire, use of court house,	25 00
G. A. Gordon, work in hall,	3 18
Amos Ross, bounty,	20
L. D. Joslyn, use of team for Board,	3 50

J. J. Allen, jr., recording deeds,		$2 75
M. J. Lapham, damage to garden by firemen,		5 00
G. S. Wyman, bounty,		20
Davis, Wright & Co., work in hall,		3 14
H. W. Woodbury, fitting door lock and key,		2 50
H. Vigneau, bounty,		20
W. A. Wilder, lumber, etc., on new road,		10 00
Spaulding & Cole, expense to Concord on tax case,		46 00
S. Wadsworth & Co., repairing clock,		75
J. W. Babbitt, services Sheriff in M. & K. R. R. case,		10 00
B. E. Guillow, damage to horse, etc.,		40 00
E. S. Ball, bounty,		30
County of Cheshire, fees in road case,		13 66
G. A. Gordon, work on hall stage,		4 75
J. & S. A. Morse, return tax,		21 87
S. Hardy, cost in sewer case,		21 35
2d Regiment Band, services at Memorial exercises,		15 00
M. T. Tottingham & Co., draping hall and monument, and cloth,		67 25
L. Holmes, services as witness in Hardy case,		2 79
C. Piper, services as Justice in Police Court,		4 00
Keene Water Works, water,		45 50
		$9,617 98
Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$2,064 81	
Amount appropriated 1881,	9,000 00	
		$11,064 81

CITY PAUPERS.

Mrs. J. Casey, house rent,	$17 50
U. S. & Canada Express Co., transporting body of Perry,	3 00
A. J. Aldrich, salary Overseer Poor,	20 00
S. White, " " "	20 00
H. Stowell, " " "	20 00
Geo. Kingsbury, " " "	20 00
Wm. L. Davis, " " "	20 00
G. C. Hill, M. D., City Physician,	50 00
Mrs. J. Jolly, care of child,	4 00

Fred Quinn, care of J. McLear,	$10 00
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	81 65
Dort & Chandler, medicines,	90
H. Stowell, moving goods of Miss Cumings,	2 25
G. H. Nims, wood,	6 50
S. White, expenses to Concord for Miss Cumings,	10 25
A. Houghton, house rent for Ami Foster,	5 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	76 44
A. W. Baker, shoes,	3 50
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	12 70
M. A. Crouch, aid for self,	47 87
A. J. Burnham, care of Mrs. N. Wilson,	54 70
M. T. Tottingham & Co., coffins, etc.,	7 00
A. J. Beal, wood,	9 00
John Ellis, aid for self,	47 00
Insane Asylum, board and care,	435 72
W. B. Fitch, wood,	186 24
Town of Winchester, care of E. Ballou,	237 14
J. Staples, expenses to Concord,	2 71
Mrs. P. Dolan, house rent for Ami Foster,	58 37
F. E. Keyes, groceries,	87 07
George Kingsbury, expenses to Winchester, etc.,	2 50
Mrs. J. Lavin, care Mahar child,	99 00
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	52 10
State Reform School, board and care,	273 60
F. B. Benton, board and care of F. G. Benton,	89 70
Spencer & Co., coal,	29 48
J. Thurston, sawing wood,	4 00
Earl Evans, medicine and attendance on E. Ballou,	33 50
L. P. Alden, wood,	6 50
W. H. Spalter & Co., books for poor children,	147 50
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	3 75
A. A. Stiles, board of Mrs. Stevens,	3 50
M. Amidon, wood,	2 00
F. E. Comstock, wood,	6 00
Susan O'Brien, care of J. McLear,	92 25
J. B. Fisher, shoes,	3 80
Boston Branch Store, groceries,	63 96
Mrs. E. Rugg, aid for Mr. Rugg,	100 72

Mrs. E. R. Gerould, aid for Miss Gerould,	$90	00
Bancroft & Roby, meat,	1	94
G. H. Tilden & Co., books for poor children.	16	02
T. and Hannah Madden. support of Madden child.	41	00
Wm. M. Strickland. wood.	4	50
L. F. Buffum, board and care of E. Ballou.	350	00
J. O. Amadon. clothing.	8	00
H. M. Darling, meat,		94
G. W. Pierce. attendance and medicine for E. Ballou,	86	77
County of Cheshire, board and care of paupers,	105	78
C. Piper. taking affidavit,		50
S. White, taking affidavit, etc..	5	00
M. V. B. Clark, groceries.	32	15
L. Perham. board of H. Ballou.	38	99
Chase & Richards, clothing.	8	70
L. Wright, shoes,	8	85
George O. Gray, groceries.	37	89
M. Ellis, house rent,	30	00
Amelia Marsh. care of M. A. Crouch.	13	05
D. M. Nichols. wood,	6	00
S. O. Gates, food for transients.	2	95
Mrs. Ann Mahar, board and care Martin Mahar and child.	22	33
G. E. Holbrook, groceries.	33	41
Harvey Ballou, aid for self.	55	04
A. H. Grimes, groceries.	35	23
W. W. Mason, wood,	6	00
A. E. Metcalf, wood,	2	63
P. Howland, trucking,	3	50
N. G. Woodbury & Co., coffin, etc.,	3	50
D. Russell, use of team.	1	50
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing.	10	26
Fred Chamberlain, sawing wood.	1	50
Warren Chase, wood,	4	29
S. Spaulding, shoes. etc..	3	00
C. M. Cummings, shoes, etc.,	1	75
George Cole,		50
	$3,636	84

COUNTY PAUPERS.

P. H. McCushing, groceries,	$122 39
S. Snow, aid for self,	42 42
S. C. Howard, shoes,	1 75
G. H. Nims, wood,	6 75
A. E. Flagg, milk,	2 36
C. Bridgman, groceries,	13 81
A. W. Baker, shoes,	4 75
Arvilla Holt, aid for self,	33 72
O. J. Howard, board I. Sawin,	78 72
M. McLaughlin, board child,	52 88
R. P. Leonard, board W. Leonard,	82 63
J. B. Fisher, shoes,	12 25
J. O. Amadon, clothing,	5 00
W. O. Blake, wood,	2 50
F. E. Keyes, groceries,	80 09
A. J. Beal, wood,	8 75
R. A. Dunn, wood,	6 25
L. Wright, shoes, etc.,	11 25
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing,	5 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	3 38
J. Staples, board transients,	1 05
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	47 17
Bancroft & Roby, meat,	8 76
Spencer & Co., coal,	17 26
H. O. Field, wood,	5 50
N. G. Woodbury & Co., coffins, etc.,	50 00
W. B. Fitch, wood,	131 88
W. L. Davis, affidavits,	1 00
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	6 50
F. R. Cram, wood,	7 50
Boston Branch Grocery, groceries,	72 75
F. E. Comstock, wood,	7 81
S. O. Gates, food for transients,	3 15
Mrs. J. Chambers, house rent,	38 00
P. Howland, services as sexton,	28 09
E. W. Gustine, shoes,	16 75
Faulkner & Colony, house rent,	54 00

F. O. Nims, house rent,	$24 00
C. W. Wyman, meat,	4 60
C. M. Cummings, shoes,	9 25
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing,	18 20
H. M. Darling, meat,	2 81
M. T. Tottingham & Co., coffin,	8 00
Geo. W. Ball & Co., clothing,	17 10
Contingent Fund, railroad fares, etc.,	7 73
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	26 16
P. O'Brien, care Mrs. Donovan and child,	11 75
George O. Gray, groceries,	26 66
F. Neddo, board,	3 00
Chase & Richards, clothing,	50
S. White, car fare,	2 65
G. B. Twitchell, medical services,	8 00
Geo. Kingsbury, expenses to County Farm,	4 00
G. E. Holbrook, groceries,	19 64
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	31 03
A. G. Grimes, hack fare,	3 00
J. Lahiff, services as sexton,	2 00
Twitchell & Bridgman, medical services J. Ryan,	51 75
Mrs. Murphy, care Kate Barrett,	3 95
Keene Furniture Co., wood,	2 00
R. D. Packard, care of J. Ryan,	12 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	21 95
G. W. Zimmerman, milk for Mrs. Donovan,	10 11
D. M. Nichols, wood,	1 75
G. W. Blaisdale, board Kidder and wife,	2 50
M. L. Champeau, care Mrs. Palmer,	18 20
Clista Richards, " "	3 00
D. Russell, use of team,	1 50
G. H. Bridgman, medical services,	5 00
S. Spaulding, shoes, etc.,	8 25
George Cole, meat,	1 02
County Paupers,	$1,446 82
City Paupers,	3,636 84
	$5,083 66

Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 912 81	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	3,000 00	
Received from County,	1,320 90	
		$5,233 71

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

M. Ellis, castings,	$14 18
M. Davis, work on highway,	14 93
J. Keefe, " "	1 25
J. L. Butler, to paying for work on highway,	1 75
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	16 07
J. J. Holbrook, surveying,	19 93
J. L. Butler, salary as Supt.,	550 00
H. H. Barker, team work,	6 00
J. Adams, " "	5 00
Faulkner & Colony, lumber,	15 07
D. B. Stearns, work on highway,	26 35
L. Martin, team work,	2 50
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	13 52
W. H. Brooks, blacksmith work,	6 10
J. S. Blake, working on highway,	11 87
P. Howland, work on streets,	26 13
Spencer & Co., hardware, etc.,	27 75
J. Reason, work on highway,	4 50
J. Drury, " "	18 45
S. W. Hale, lumber,	2 45
J. Kingsbury, work on sidewalk,	13 50
M. S. Buckminster, work on highway,	7 66
I. Curtis, " "	42 03
L. E. Joslin, " "	3 25
D. O'Keefe, " "	9 00
A. J. Williams, " "	11 85
W. W. Stone, " "	5 00
A. T. Stearns, " "	5 75
B. F. Wheeler, " "	1 50
Daniel Darling, " "	3 50
S. E. Ellis, " "	51 75
Myron Ellis, " "	27 50

D. S. Willard, work on highway,	$7 00
J. L. Butler, Supt., pay-roll for work,	3,460 96
E. G. Randall, work on highway,	6 25
L. W. Wilder, lumber,	22 80
O. D. Pratt, work on sidewalk,	26 22
C. M. Foster, work on highway, etc.,	7 36
E. W. Green, " "	2 50
Beaver Mills, lumber,	11 52
T. F. & F. H. Barrett, work on sidewalk,	25 00
F. E. Foster, gravel,	20 64
S. O. Gates, work on sidewalk,	13 00
D. A. Brown, work on highway,	96 96
C. Mason, " "	5 00
W. A. Barrett, " "	3 25
Charles Abbott, " "	50 50
W. A. Scripture, " "	10 50
Charles Eveleth, " "	67 80
C. Randall, " "	28 00
Wm. Dickinson, gravel,	61 90
George Kingsbury, lumber,	55 09
Spencer & Co., shovels and hardware,	19 94
Ellenwood and Eastman, work on highway,	5 92
F. McDonald, " "	24 40
R. Graves, " "	10 00
J. H. Spencer, blacksmithing,	7 65
George H. Nims, work on highway,	21 00
J. W. Nye, " "	36 17
Geo. E. Newman, lumber,	68 00
P. Dee, work on streets,	2 62
G. H. Randall, work on highway,	1 25
H. O. Estey, work on highway,	11 00
Cheshire Provident Institution, sand,	4 60
Cheshire R. R. Co , ties, etc.,	7 56
Frank O. Wright, work on highway,	14 87
B. H. Britton, " "	75
Miles Davis, " "	9 36
A. G. Nims, " "	5 00
George K. Nims, lumber,	20 50

Charles W. Heaton, work on highway, etc.,		$10 00
O. Seward, trucking,		2 85
I. Curtis, work on highway,		4 20
J. B. Abbott, "		2 00
A. G. Mann, stone,		3 59
Charles Davis, work on highway,		5 00
		$5,246 57
Balance, Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 529 00	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	6,000 00	
		$6,529 00

SEWERS.

J. Drury, work on sewer,		$ 11 25
J. L. Butler, pay roll for work,		177 50
		$188 75
Balance, Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 63 85	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	500 00	
		$563 85

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

N. W. Rice, wood,	$ 6 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, oil, etc.,	10 39
Dort & Chandler, oil, etc.,	9 67
L. Bridge, use of team,	13 00
W. B. Fitch, wood,	21 00
V. A. Wright, salary as Chief, 1880,	30 00
G. L. Whitney, Assistant Engineer, 1880,	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, " "	25 00
F. A. White, " "	25 00
T. F. Barrett, " "	25 00
Charles Abbott, " "	25 00
H. H. Barker, " "	25 00
L. Martin, use of horse at fires,	24 00
S. P. Bowker, use of horse at fire,	5 00
J. H. Spencer, blacksmithing,	4 60
A. J. Beal, wood,	5 50
Spencer & Co., hardware, etc.,	4 37

J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	$36 75
J. H. Burns, extra work at shoe shop fire,	2 00
F. W. Towne, " " "	2 00
A. Kingsbury, setting glass, etc.,	7 35
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	14 71
T. F. & F. H. Barrett, use of horse at fires,	8 00
O. Seward, " " "	1 00
C. E. Harrington, work and supplies,	4 50
F. A. White, work on hydrants,	8 83
M. Armstrong & Co., plumbing etc.,	22 87
G. L. Starkey, pay as Steward, etc.,	20 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, supplies,	8 71
Humphrey Machine Co., work and supplies,	33 96
O. P. Applin, pay as Steward,	17 00
E. Symonds, " " etc.,	22 50
A. J. Burrows, pay as fireman,	6 25
J. Kingsbury, work on hydrants,	23 00
H. W. Hubbard, machine work,	40
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,	5 71
A. Carpenter, pay as Steward,	15 00
W. O. Wilson, labor,	1 25
E. C. Whittemore, printing,	8 75
A. D. Fosgate, copying by-laws,	1 50
Phœnix Hose Co., for services Hubbard and Russell,	12 50
J. H. Burns, services as fireman,	10 00
Deluge Hose Co., amount allowed for chairs,	20 00
" " pay roll,	278 75
Phœnix Hose Co., "	262 50
Washington Hook & Ladder Co., pay roll,	300 00
Neptune Hose Co., pay roll,	272 50
Keene Gas Co., gas,	20 55
Republican Printing Company, printing,	4 00
F. O. Quinn, work at Deluge house,	2 00
R. W. Smith, Steward,	8 75
Carlos Quinn, work at hose house,	2 50
W. H. Britton, sawing wood at hose house,	2 50
J. Boyd & Son, hose furnishings,	37 00
Davis, Wright & Co., work and supplies,	17 70
	$1,806 82

Balance, Dec. 1, 1880,	$240 98	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	1,500 00	
		$1,740 98

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Knowlton & Stone, supplies,		$ 1 30
J. Staples, salary as Marshal, and police service,		30 50
H. Giffin, coal for lock-up,		10 59
G. H. Kellogg, police service,		82 30
H. P. Muchmore, coal for lock-up,		4 66
Keene Gas Co., gas for lock-up,		34 30
S. O. Gates, Marshal and Police, and Truant work,		189 93
P. C. Butler, police work,		163 00
Spencer & Co., coal for lock-up,		11 25
Republican Printing Co., printing,		2 00
P. Howland, police work,		6 59
H. Joslin, "		549 00
J. W. Cummings, "		37 25
F. L. Pitcher, "		3 00
H. H. Haines, "		13 00
A. E. Bennett, "		12 00
E. O. Keith, "		4 00
A. Plastridge, "		6 00
I. D. Gates, "		3 00
		$1,163 67
Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 440 16	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	1,200 00	
		$1,640 16

WATER WORKS.

D. H. Sawyer, salary as Superintendent,	$562 50
" paid for labor, etc.,	400 19
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	8 75
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery, etc.,	3 78
E. Joslin, Water Commissioner,	15 00
J. Humphrey, "	15 00
D. H. Holbrook, "	15 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,	10 75

Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	$64 23
M. Armstrong & Co., plumbing,	18 18
Davis, Wright & Co., work and material,	37 50
Nims, Whitney & Co., hydrant boxes, etc,	7 45
P. Pender, work done in 1879,	2 50
Keene Gas Co., gas,	3 15
Humphrey Machine Co., work and material,	56 49
E. O. Keith, work and pipe,	95 86
Davis & Farnum Manuf. Co., pipe,	341 60
City of Fitchburg, pipe.	80 30
Keene Furniture Co., hydrants, etc.,	33 75
	$1,771 98

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

E. Gustine, laying pipe on Marlboro' street, 1880.	$206 32
E. O. Keith, " Kelleher " 1881,	173 50
Ludlow Valve Co., valves,	23 20
	$403 02

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Co., gas,		1,201 00
" " posts and lanterns,		91 55
		$1,292 55
Balance, Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 437 79	
Balance appropriated, 1881,	1,400 00	
		1,837 79

GASOLINE STREET LAMPS.

U. S. Gasoline Co., lighting streets,	$183 28
" " posts and lanterns,	70 98
P. Howland, trucking,	2 00
G. A. Balch, setting posts,	75
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight,	3 86
	$260 87

Amount appropriated, 1881, $260.87.

CITY PASTURE.

A. Seaver, work on fence,	$ 1 16
L. P. Alden, " etc.,	12 25
J. L. Butler, fence posts,	4 16
Knowlton & Stone, wire for fence,	81
L. E. Joslin, damage to cornfield by cows,	5 00
	$23 38

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

F. Leypoldt, books,		$ 3 00
Lee & Shepard, "		175 35
C. F. Gilbert, repairing books,		7 02
Readers and Writers Economy Co., cards, etc.,		4 60
U. S. Express Co., express on books,		2 30
G. H. Tilden & Co., binding books, etc.,		100 23
		$292 50
Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 20 52	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	500 00	
		$520 52

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Miss K. Tilden, work in library, 1880,	$59 00
Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert, work in library, 1880,	77 60
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	23 22
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	45 94
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work on cases, etc.,	1 50
W. B. Fitch, wood,	2 75
Readers and Writers Co., book supports, etc.,	16 50
C. W. Classon, rubber stamp,	2 00
H. Purcell, making cases new library, etc.,	126 75
R. Brooks, finishing library cases,	12 75
L. R. Brooks, work in library,	4 40
Z. B. Gilmore, work on catalogues,	17 50
E. G. Randall, trucking,	50
O. Seward, moving library,	6 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing catalogues, etc.,	245 50
Trustees Public Library, cash paid for supplies,	8 70
M. T. Tottingham, curtains, etc., for library room,	3 75
	$654 86

Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 52 25	
Amount appropriated, 1881,	700 00	
		$752 25

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	$13,242 93
" 2,	791 72
" 3,	243 57
" 4,	94 69
" 5,	222 00
" 6,	244 26
" 7,	235 34
" 8,	236 76
" 9,	280 08
" 10,	780 28
" 11,	249 65
	$16,621 28

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

District No. 10,	$1,500 00

REPAIR SCHOOL HOUSE.

District No. 6,	$35 00

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss K. Billings,		$10 00
Miss Ann Cummings,		5 00
Miss P. Ellis,		10 00
Miss Eunice Hall,		10 00
Mrs. A. G. Reed,		10 00
Mrs. J. Tufts,		10 00
		$55 00
Balance Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 6 00	
Amount of interest, 1881,	60 00	
		$66 00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Rev. A. B. Crawford,	$23 93
Rev. W. W. Hayward,	23 93
Rev. J. A. Leach,	23 93
Rev. C. Richardson,	23 93
Rev. W. H. Eaton,	23 93
Rev. W. Eakins,	23 93
Rev. A. Walkley,	23 93
Rev. P. Holahan,	23 93
Amount of interest Jan. 1, 1881,	$191 44

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated,	$100 00

COUNTY TAX.

Cheshire County, whole amount,		$10,910 16	
Amount refunded for 1880.	$763 01		
Amount abatement, 1881.	847 78		
		1,610 79	
			$9,299 37

ALTERATION OF CITY HALL.

A. R. & E. S. Foster, bill for work on hall,	$4,525 23
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on window caps,	11 66
H. Giffin, coal for hall,	14 64
A. Merriam, settees for hall,	63 00
Kirk & Sewall, use of stove,	3 00
D. A. Newton, painting window caps,	5 40
Morrill & Co.'s Express, charges on gas box,	1 00
R. Hollins & Co., gas fixtures,	198 24
J. H. Burrows, oiling hall floor and frescoing,	21 35
Spencer & Co., coal,	7 28
L. J. Colony, painting settees,	23 80
N. E. School Furnishing Co., opera chairs,	498 14
G. L. Burdett, painting settees,	112 00
A. L. Harkness, numbering chairs and settees,	12 44

M. T. Tottingham & Co., curtains, etc.,	$ 36 25
M. Armstrong & Co., piping hall for gas,	102 34
F. C. Gardner, fresco work,	250 00
C. Pressler, curbstone,	10 00
M. Ellis, columns,	75 00
Keene Gas Co., gas,	23 03
	$5,993 80
Bills paid in 1880,	6,109 74
Total cost of rebuilding hall,	$12,103 54

Amount appropriated, $12,200.00.

STEAM HEATING WORKS.

New Haven Steam Heating Co.,	$1,634 00
H. E. Hubbard, mason work,	30 87
Kirk & Sewall, work on registers, etc.,	28 62
D. D. Kepple, covering pipe,	119 85
O. S. Gleason, work on doors, etc.,	5 71
D. A. Newton, painting, etc.,	4 12
C. L. Russell, brick,	21 80
A. R. & E. S. Foster, work,	2 05
	$1,847 02

Amount appropriated, $1,800.00.

WORK ON CELLARS UNDER CITY HALL, AND REPAIRS ON COLLECTOR'S AND SUP'T WATER WORKS' OFFICE.

Spencer & Co., lime,	$14 09
Knowlton & Stone, lime, etc.,	74 04
G. F. Chamberlain, mason work,	49 62
M. Corco, work on cellar,	4 50
T. Richard, " "	4 12
N. Richard, " "	4 50
T. Cuff, " "	2 50
A. Richard, " "	4 50
S. Badger, " "	3 00
W. A. Barrett, sand,	39 22

J. Lavin, work on cellar,	$18 75
C. L. Russell, brick,	48 30
J. L. Butler, stone,	9 60
G. A. Gordon, plastering in office,	9 00
D. A. Newton, tinting walls in office,	3 30
Amount appropriated, $400.00.	$289 04

CHANGING FRONT STAIRWAY, DRAINING CELLAR, AND MAKING STORM DOOR.

A. R. & E. S. Foster, work and material, stairway,	$30 73
J. Drury, work in cellar,	7 59
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe, etc., for cellar,	5 50
O. S. Gleason, work and material, storm door,	43 52
D. A. Newton, painting " "	3 77
Amount appropriated, $125.00.	$91 11

RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND CLOCK, FOR CITY HALL.

M. T. Tottingham & Co., frames for rules, etc.,	$ 8 50
S. Wadsworth & Co., clock,	13 50
	$22 00

Amount appropriated, $35.00.

SUPPORT OF CITY HALL BALCONY.

J. Burrill, examining hall,	$30 00
J. Hall, "	25 00
	$55 00

Amount appropriated, $55.00.

REPAIRING CITY HALL ROOF.

H. Purcell, work and material,	$24 23
Amount appropriated, $24 23	

CHANGING SOUTH STAIRWAY TO CITY HALL.

G. A. Gordon, work and material,	191 00
Amount appropriated, $200 00	

BLINDS FOR PUB. LIBRARY AND DELUGE HOUSE.

Nims, Whitney & Co., blinds and lumber,		$22 89
H. Purcell, hanging blinds, and material,		3 40
		$26 29
Amount appropriated,	$26 29	

SETTEES FOR PARK AND REPAIRING BAND STAND

S. Gould, painting band stand,		$10 00
Amount appropriated,	$10 00	

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

City hall,	$1,295 00
Water works,	8,930 14
Library fund,	103 30
Store rents, etc.,	1,437 32
Taxes, 1880,	11,000 00
Taxes, 1881,	51,200 00
City pasture,	188 10
Police Court fines,	39 00
Reservoir ice,	100 00
Insurance tax,	179 63
Railroad tax,	3,259 71
Savings Bank tax,	8,814 35
Literary fund,	407 37
N. H. coupons,	132 00
County paupers,	1,320 99
Estey note,	687 67
Costs in Wilbur case and Estey mortgage,	61 59
Justice fines,	20 00
Old hearse wheels,	4 30
Interest on daily balances,	279 31
J. L. Butler, Supt., for work outside highways,	76 60
	$89,554 78

EXPENDITURES.

Ordinary city charges,	$9,617 98
City paupers,	3,636 84
County paupers,	1,446 88
Highways and bridges,	5,246 59
Sewers,	188 75
Fire department,	1,806 82
Police department,	1,163 69
Water works,	1,771 98
" extensions,	403 02
Street lamps, gas,	1,292 55
" gasoline,	260 87
Public Library,	292 50
" expense,	654 86
Schools,	16,621 28
New school house No. 10,	1,500 00
Repairs school house No. 6,	35 00
Simmons fund,	55 00
Ministerial fund,	191 44
Memorial Day,	100 00
County tax,	9,299 37
State tax,	14,928 00
Interest on water loan bonds,	8,868 00
Alteration of city hall,	5,993 80
Steam heating works for hall,	1,847 02
Repairing cellars,	289 02
" front stairway,	91 11
Rules and regulations, and clock, for city hall.	22 00
Changing balcony support,	55 00
Repairing band stand,	10 00
" hall roof,	24 23
Changing South stairway in hall,	191 00
Blinds for Library, etc.,	26 29
Work in city pasture,	23 38
	$87,954 27

ASSETS, DEC. 1, 1881.

State bonds,	$2,200 00
Estey note and interest,	1,125 88
Due from Collector, 1876,	1,181 54
" " 1879, (paid since Dec. 1,)	350 10
" " 1880,	541 52
" " 1881,	15,279 87
" water rates,	375 17
	$21,054 08
Balance in treasury, Dec. 10, 1881,	37,019 33
	$58,073 41

INDEBTEDNESS.

Water bonds,	$151,200 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City hall building,	$35,000 00
Furniture in city hall building,	1,000 00
Fire department.	10,127 00
City pasture,	2,000 00
Real estate on Vernon street,	600 00
Water works,	531 00
Highways,	250 00
City Marshal's office,	200 00
	$49,708 00

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

IRA W. RUSSELL,
CYRUS PIPER,
CLARK N. CHANDLER,
J. H. FISHER,
Finance Committee.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money

necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that the same be raised by taxation :—

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1882.

Ordinary City Charges,	$7,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	6,000 00
Sewers,	500 00
Fire Department,	1,500 00
City Paupers,	2,000 00
Interest on Water Loan,	1,800 00
Public Library,	500 00
Lighting Streets,	1,400 00
Police,	1,200 00
Support of Public Library,	200 00
Memorial Services.	100 00
	$22,200 00

REPORT CITY HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The undersigned, having been appointed a Committee to carry out the plans of the Councils for altering the city hall building, would report that they attended to their duties, and had the hall ready for use in January last. The work in the several departments was done very expeditiously, and generally in a manner satisfactory to the Committee — without any accident, and with slight loss to the city for hall rent. There have been some errors of construction to remedy the present year, but perhaps no more than nearly always follow the radical reconstruction of so large a building without specific plans for the committee and contractors to begin with, as was our case after the first, or Boyden, plan was substituted by the Greenfield model, and the raising of the walls of the building. We only hope that the new building will meet the anticipations of those who proposed its change, and of the people of the city generally. With a beautiful hall, that attracts the best class of entertainments, a convenient room for the public library, and a general improvement in the exterior of the building, we believe that, while the people will enjoy added pleasure and comfort by the change, the tax-payers will feel no additional burden on account of the money expended in making it.

Following is a statement of the expenditures made by this Committee, and we think all bills are adjusted: —

A. R. & E. S. Foster, contractors,	$10,525 23
Fuller, Dana & Fitch, iron rods to tie walls,	32 96
S. D. Hicks, window caps,	64 00
Davis, Wright & Co., putting on same,	12 78
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on settees and window caps,	11 66
H. Giffin, coal,	14 64
A. Merriam, new settees,	63 00
Kirk & Sewall, use of stove, etc.,	3 00

D. A. Newton, painting window caps,		$ 5 40
Morrill & Co., express on gas fixtures,		1 00
R. Hollins & Co., gas fixtures,		198 24
J. H. Burrows, oiling floors and frescoing,		21 35
Spencer & Co., coal,		7 28
L. J. Colony, painting settees,		23 80
N. E. School Furnishing Co., opera chairs,		498 14
G. L. Burdett, painting settees,		112 00
A. L. Harkness, numbering settees and chairs,		12 44
M. T. Tottingham & Co., curtains and fixtures,		36 25
M. Armstrong & Co., piping and fixtures,		102 34
F. C. Gardner, frescoing,		250 00
M. Ellis, iron columns,		75 00
C. Pressler, stone for curbing,		10 00
		$12,080 51
Keene Gas Co., gas,		23 03
		$12,103 54
Amount appropriated,	$12,200 00	
	12,103 54	
Balance,	$96 46	

Respectfully submitted,

H. KIMBALL,
H. BLAKE,
J. H. FISHER,
CYRUS PIPER.

City Hall Building Committee.

December 13, 1881.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

STEAM HEATING APPARATUS FOR CITY HALL BUILDING.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee to whom was confided the duty of placing steam heating apparatus in City Hall building, respectfully report that immediately upon their appointment they commenced a correspondence with several of the leading firms in New England, two of which sent agents to examine the premises and make propositions for doing the work. After making what they deemed suitable investigation, they awarded the contract to the New Haven Steam Heating Co., who placed their work in the hall and ante-rooms, and in every store and office of the building, in such a manner as we believe gives satisfaction and comfort—the Company guaranteeing the proper warming of the building under proper management.

COST OF THE WORK.

New Haven Steam Heating Co.,		$1,634 00
Russell, for brick,	$21 90	
H. Hubbard, mason work and mortar,	29 37	
		51 27
Kirk & Sewall, zinc and work,	$6 02	
" " two large registers.	22 60	
		28 62
Foster's bill for wooden air ducts under stage,		23 03
Other wood work,		5 71
D. Kepple, packing steam pipe,		119 85
D. Newton, bronzing steam pipe,		4 12
Correspondence,		90
		$1,867 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. RICHARDS,
N. G. GURNSEY,
C. W. SHEDD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

DRAINAGE OF CELLARS AND IMPROVING STAIRWAYS IN CITY HALL BUILDING.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Lands and Buildings, to whom was assigned the duty of improving the drainage in the cellars and altering and repairing stairways in City Hall building, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty, with the following result:

Messrs. Foster's bill,		$30 73
O. S. Gleason's bill,		43 52
D. R. Newton, painting,		3 77
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	$5 50	
Reason and Drury, labor and cement,	7 34	
		12 84
		$90 86

Amount appropriated for above purposes, Nov. 1880, $125 00

N. G. GURNSEY,
GEO. H. RICHARDS,
C. W. SHEDD,
Com. on Lands and Buildings.

WATER WORKS.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

In presenting herewith the Report of the Superintendent of the Keene Water Works, for the year ending December 1, 1881, which furnishes a detailed statement of the financial transactions of this department, it is our pleasant duty once more to report the work of this office *well* performed, and the condition of the works *fully up* to their usual standard.

Of the expenditures of the current year, $199.10 is chargeable to construction, making total cost of works to date $162,-898.68.

The net earnings of the year, barring construction and interest accounts, have been $7,202.93 — being only $152.00 less than last year — while unusually large expenses have been incurred in repairing damages caused by lightning, three places having been struck during the season; one of them, on Roxbury street, requiring a renewal of nearly 600 feet of 6 inch main, at an expense of about $700.00.

In executing this work we had opportunity to note the effect of a late amendment to the ordinance referred to in our last annual report (not in print).

As in this instance the hindrance of a single day, incident to the limitation of our right to contract, gave opportunity for the placing of other orders, which, taking precedence of ours, resulted in a final delay of several weeks in obtaining the required pipe. The amended ordinance, however, by allowing minor repairs and certain action in other cases, perhaps, without direct violation of our city laws, may possibly be considered an improvement upon the original by partially removing an incongruous provision, which, in the absence of special appropriation, operated to defeat the real design of the

ordinance — hence it may be commendable as a step at least in the right direction, but the wisdom of limiting the powers of the Water Board in cases of emergent and necessary repairs, to an expenditure of $200 only, would we fear be less apparent to most of our water takers in the event of a serious rupture of a principal main than it may have been to the cautious projectors of the provision. And as it is presumable that the Commissioners of the Water Works should be competent to attend to the plain and well defined duties of their office, there is no good reason why they should be subjected to the delays and uncertainties attendant upon the obtaining of a special legislative permit before they can proceed with one of the most important parts of their work; and it is our opinion that if they cannot be entrusted with reasonable and proper authority in these matters, that they should be relieved of their trust — as the present order is evidently not conducive to the most efficient management of the affairs of the department.

While we may not presume that our views will be accounted worth the ink and paper required for their expression, it is none the less our duty to call attention to the subject. As unnecessary and embarassing provisions and measures of a surveillant nature tend to lessen the interest, respect and responsibility of an officer, weakening and debasing its service — often measurably lowering its standard of usefulness — hence we believe the delegation of all proper authority for the execution of the legitimate business of a Commission is the best way to obtain efficient service; and should the legislative board of our goodly city of Keene manifest their confidence in their ability to make judicious selections of their departmental officers in that way, we believe it would be greatly to the advantage of all concerned.

Although deficient supply and impure water has been the complaint in several localities, our supply has been abundant and good; yet the very small surplus of 1880, and two or three former years, with the growing demand of increasing use, forewarns us that the capacity of our works must eventually be increased; and the liabilities of accidental interrup-

tions of supply from our principal reservoir, which are by no means improbable, render it expedient that some measures should be taken without delay to avert disasters which may befall us by neglect of proper precautions in this direction. As there are several sources from which auxiliary supplies may be obtained, we regard it as advisable to have such investigation made as shall develop the more feasible plans, and would earnestly recommend the same to your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUMPHREY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
NORRIS G. GURNSEY,
Water Commissioners.

Keene, N. H., Dec. 10, 1881.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the General City Ordinances, I herewith present a summary of the accounts of this Department for the year ending December 1, 1881:

SERVICE PIPES.

Number reported Dec. 1, 1880,	885
Number added during the year,	27
Number attached to works to date,	912

WATER RENTS.

Uncollected assessments per report 1880,				$ 485 16
23d	"	Dec. 1,	1880,	4,176 46
24th	"	June 1,	1881,	4,889 70
Total,				$9,551 32

CORRECTIONS AND ABATEMENTS.

On assessments prior to 23d,	$ 52 41	
" 23d and 24th,	243 89	
		$296 30

COLLECTIONS.

On assessments prior to 23d,	$ 432 75	
" No. 23,	4,030 26	
" No. 24,	4,416 84	
		$8,879 85

BALANCES UNPAID.

On assessment No. 23.	$ 90 92	
" " 24,	284 25	
		375 17
Total,		$9,551 32

CASH ACCOUNT.

Rec'd on account of water rents to Dec. 1881,	$8,879 85
" tappings, valves, etc.,	50 29
	$8,930 14

Deposited with City Treasurer, $8,930.14.

EARNINGS.

Water rents, assessment 23,	$4,176 46	
" " 24,	4,889 70	
	$9,066 16	
Less corrections and abatements on assessments 23 and 24,	243 89	
	$8,822 27	
Cash of O. D. Pratt, for ice,	100 00	
Cash for tappings and valves,	50 29	
		$8,972 56
Current expenses and bills paid (less extensions) per schedule below,		1,769 58
Net earnings,		$7,202 98

CURRENT EXPENSES, AND OTHER BILLS PAID.

Patrick Pender, labor in 1879,	$ 2 50
Edward Gustine, balance on extensions, due 1880,	206 32
Edwin O. Keith, extensions on Kelleher street,	173 50
Ludlow Valve Mf'g Co., 1 6-inch valve,	23 20

G. H. Tilden & Co., assessment books,	$10 75
W. H. Spalter & Co., stationery, "	3 78
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes,	33 75
Nims, Whitney & Co., stop boxes,	7 45
J. D. Colony & Sons, postal cards and printing,	8 75
Davis Farnum Mf'g Co., 6-inch cast iron pipe,	341 60
City of Fitchburg, " "	80 30
City of Keene, gas,	3 15
Edwin O. Keith, 2-inch wrought iron pipe,	28 84
Knowlton & Stone, materials on repairs,	64 23
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and materials on repairs,	56 49
Davis, Wright & Co., " " "	37 50
M. Armstrong & Co., " " "	18 18
Edwin O. Keith, " " "	67 02
D. H. Sawyer, paid bills " " "	400 19
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	562 50
Commissioners,	45 00
	$2,175 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON HAND.

211 feet 6-inch cast iron pipe,	$154 00
144 " 4 " " "	54 00
90 " 4 " wrought "	50 00
30 " 3 " " "	9 00
129 " 2 " " "	28 84
Lot of cement pipe,	15 00
2 post hydrants,	40 00
2 pairs pipe tongs,	8 00
1 pair snips,	2 00
20 shovels,	8 00
16 picks,	18 00
2 bush hooks,	2 00
2 pumps,	6 00
7 stopcocks,	4 00
2 water gauges,	30 00
1 2-inch connection valve,	8 00
1 1¼-inch " "	1 50
1 hand axe,	1 00

2 hammers,	$2 00
Rubber boots and mittens,	6 00
Rubber cloth and twine,	25 00
Pails and lantern,	1 25
Lot of wrenches,	10 00
Lot of property estimated at	15 00
Office furniture,	22 00
2 2-inch hydrant valves,	8 00
1 jack screw,	2 75
	$531 34

D. H. SAWYER, *Superintendent.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, KEENE, DEC. 1, 1881.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

In accordance with the usages of the past, I herewith report to you the condition of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 1, 1881. In my opinion we have cause for gratitude for the remarkable preservation from heavy losses from fire the past year, which I think is partially owing to the vigilance of our citizens, and hope they will continue to be on the alert in the future.

I have endeavored, with the aid of my assistants, to keep the Department in complete working order; and I believe that when occasion calls for their services, our firemen will acquit themselves worthily both as firemen and citizens. At the present time the two hose companies—Phœnix and Neptune—and the Hook and Ladder company are working under protest, and the Hook and Ladder company have lost a part of their men on account of the location of their houses on the Depot grounds rear of Episcopal church; and it seems to me poor policy to delay the bettering of the location of these houses any longer than is actually necessary, for we cannot afford to let the value of a few hundred dollars cripple a well-drilled and efficient portion of our Fire Department.

The Deluge company are suited with their location, and we see the interest they feel in fixing up their hall and keeping things in good shape; and if these other companies (Phœnix, Neptune and Hook and Ladder) were suitably located, their interest would soon be manifest in the same way. It is hoped the city fathers will see to this immediately. In my opinion the old Baptist church is the best location, all things considered.

Early last summer the Deluge engine was taken to a house near Woodbury's mills, built by Mr. Woodbury; and the engine is to be kept in working order by him, and to be used by the city when occasion requires.

The ordinary running expenses of the Department have been small the past year, which will be an agreeable feature to all, and I see no reason why it should be any more another year; although I would suggest that the Deluge hose carriage should be repainted the present winter, as it has not been painted since bought.

The number of fires has been small, and the damage slight, with the exception of the Ashuelot shoe shop, which was burned Feb. 22. The firemen were on the ground very promptly, but owing to the long distance of small water pipes in that locality and the very combustible nature of the building, which was high with very few partitions, the fire spread rapidly, and little could be done to check the flames.

The fire alarm apparatus broke at this alarm, on account of a key getting loose: but it is so repaired that it will not break again in the same place.

The following are the alarms of fire the past year:

Jan. 1.—Alarm at house on Beaver street; cause, burning out chimney; no damage.

Jan. 12.—Alarm at R. P. Leonard's house on Douglass street; cause, the carpenter put the door casing too near the stove. On account of the peculiar construction of the house the fire burned slowly, and was put out without using the hose. Loss estimated at $50; claimed to be $130 on account of interruption of business. No insurance.

Feb. 12.—Alarm at house of John Buckley, on Myrtle street; cause, burning out chimney. No damage; big scare.

Feb. 22.—Alarm at Ashuelot shoe shop, on Leverett street. Loss $40,000 to $50,000; insurance $25,000; probably incendiary.

March 4.—Alarm at house on Carroll street; burning out chimney; no damage.

April 25.—Alarm at house owned by Cheshire Railroad, occupied by Dennis Callahan. Loss on house $650; insured

for $350; loss to Mr. Callahan $360. Caused by sparks from locomotive.

July 6.—Alarm at house of Patrick Mahar, probably caused by ashes in a barrel close to corner of barn.

July 26.—Alarm at house of Edward Joslin, on West street; cause, burning out chimney, the heat from which set the adjoining wood-work on fire. Loss $125, fully insured.

Nov. 6.—Alarm at house of Marcus M. Smith, on Butler court; cause, defective chimney, probably. Loss $1500 to $1800; insured for $1800. Mr. Ryan's loss on household goods, $300; no insurance.

NUMBER OF MEN.

The manual working force of the Department is 87 men, as follows: seven Engineers, three hose companies of 20 men each, viz: Deluge, Neptune and Phœnix, also a hook and ladder company of 20 men.

HOSE.

There are now in the Department 4200 feet of good hose, located as follows: 1200 feet at Phœnix house, 1200 at Neptune house on depot grounds, 1200 at Deluge house on Vernon street, 50 feet at N. G. Woodbury's with engine, 100 at Beaver mills, 150 at Symonds' tannery and 300 at South Keene—making a total of 4200 feet, as good as last year, with the exception of ordinary wear.

DISCIPLINE.

It gives me great pleasure to state that there has been manifested a disposition to obey all rules and regulations of the Department. I think all have intended to do their duty, and although some have erred and come short, we take the will for the deed and let it pass.

I am confident our firemen will compare favorably with the firemen of any place, taking into account all circumstances, and I sincerely hope our City Councils will encourage the members of the companies situated on depot grounds by speedily giving them a better location, and I think they will see a keen interest manifested as a result.

For detailed report of expenses, see Finance Committee's report.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Freeman A. White, Chief;
Charles Abbott, 2d, 1st Assistant;
Henry H. Barker, 2d "
John A. Batchelder, 3d "
George L. Whitney, 4th "
Thomas F. Barrett, 5th "
Milan Starkey, 6th "

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine, at N. G. Woodbury's mills,	$500 00
Deluge hose carriage, on Vernon street,	700 00
Phœnix hose carriage, on depot grounds,	350 00
Neptune " " " "	725 00
Two old jumpers, " "	300 00
One " " at Beaver mills,	150 00
One " " at Symonds' tannery,	150 00
Hook and ladder carriage, ladders, &c.,	500 00
Niagara engine and hose carriage, at South Keene,	550 00
Deluge hose house,	600 00
Phœnix " "	800 00
Neptune " "	800 00
Fire alarm at City Hall,	100 00
1500 feet good leather hose,	1800 00
2500 feet medium hose,	2,000 00
200 feet old hose,	50 00
6 hydrant gates,	45 00
7 engineers' lanterns,	7 00
Total valuation,	$10,127 00

There are also, belonging to the Department, the uniforms of the members, the value of which is difficult to estimate, as some of them are well worn; also rubber coats, badges of engineers, &c.

In conclusion, allow me to thank the City Government for

their kindness to us and the Department. And I would here tender my personal thanks to my Assistant Engineers for the aid and counsel they have given me; and I would most cordially thank both officers and men of the several companies for their promptness to duty as well as obedience to orders, and for the many tokens of respect given me, which I feel have been poorly merited. We all feel our many shortcomings, for which we sincerely desire as lenient judgment as possible.

FREEMAN A. WHITE, *Chief Engineer.*

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my Report as Superintendent of the Highway Department for 1881. The unusually heavy rains the past season have caused quite a number of bad washouts in different parts of the city; but the washing off the top dressing of all our roads and sidewalks has been very discouraging, and caused a good deal of expense, as we were obliged to work some roads three or four times during the season. I have done a few outside jobs, amounting to $69.60, which I have deposited with the City Treasurer, and of course comes out of the Highway money.

I employed the following men to take charge of such sections of roads as would be most convenient for them to repair, and they have expended therefor the following sums:

M. E. Ellis, new Westmoreland road,	$41 68
Charles Abbott, old Westmoreland road,	50 50
I. Curtis, north part old Westmoreland road,	46 23
S. E. Ellis, south part old Westmoreland road,	51 75
D. A. Brown, Chesterfield road, from Wilson's mill,	96 96
D. B. Stearns, from his house to Chesterfield road,	26 35
Charles Eveleth, north part Branch road,	45 30
E. G. Randall, old Surry and Gilsum roads,	35 50
H. O. Estey, care of road to his farm,	11 00
A. G. Nims, " "	5 00
R. S. Graves, " "	10 00
C. W. Wyman, from Westmoreland road to Abbott's,	
George H. Nims, work on old Gilsum road,	21 00
Thomas Grimes, care of road to his house,	
J. W. Nye, from John Towns' to Branch,	36 17

All the above roads have been put in good repair. All the rest of the outside roads have been worked in connection with the work in Union District.

Our sewers have given us a good deal of trouble, and will continue to do so until there is some feasible plan adopted and carried out. I have felt when we have attempted to patch up and repair our old and miserable sewers that it would be better economy to raise money enough to build new sewers as far as we could. The sewer across Nims' land, and as far on Railroad street as French's blacksmith shop is now in good condition, but the remainder of the sewer to Beaver brook will have to be built entirely new next year. The further expenditures for labor, services and material for the past year may be found in the Financial Report.

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS, ETC., ON HAND.

4 road scrapers, 1 plow, 2 old plows, 1 stone drag, 1 tool box, 3 large drills, lot small drills, 2 large hammers, 6 picks, 6 shovels, 1 steel rake, 3 iron bars, 1 hoe, 2 paving hammers, 1 saw, 1 axe, 1 wheelbarrow, 27 pieces of 18-in. drain pipe, 14 bridge stringers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BUTLER, *Superintendent.*

CITY PASTURE.

Paid for building and repairing fence,		$16 41
Received for pasturing cows,	$162 00	
" sand and gravel,	26 80	
Total,	$188 80	

Deposited with City Treasurer, $188.80.

J. L. BUTLER, *Agent.*

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1881:

RECEIPTS.

Received for lots sold,	$ 85 00
" sapling pines,	114 15
	$199 15

Amount in Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1881, $488.00.

ACCOUNT OF SUMNER CARPENTER FUND.

Amount in bank Oct. 1, 1881,	$41 30
Interest to April 1, 1881,	82
	42 12

EXPENDITURES.

James Donahue, work on lots and avenues,	$131 62
John Lynch, team work,	7 00
John Russell, "	75
M. Armstrong & Co., fountain sprinkler,	75
W. Austin, work in old cemetery,	5 00
Deposited in bank,	54 03
	$199 15

HENRY PURCELL, *Superintendent.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following Report:

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To bal. of appropriation unexpended Dec. 1, 1880,	$ 20 52
To appropriation for 1881,	500 00
To received by Librarian for sale of catalogues,	85 25
" " " supplements and waste paper, and fines,	18 47
Total,	$624 24

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By amount expended for books,	$178 35
" " express,	2 30
" " incidentals,	4 60
By cash paid City Treasurer from sale of catalogues, fines, etc.,	103 72
By amount paid for repairing books,	107 25
By unexpended balance,	228 02
Total,	$624 24

New books purchased the present year,	103
Gifts from different sources,	121
Books lost, worn out and discarded,	267
Number of books in Library Dec. 1, 1881,	4,477
" " issued during the year,	16,084
" cards issued from Aug. 15 to Dec. 1, 1881,	816

The item of books lost, worn out and discarded, covers a period of several years, no full report of them having been made from year to year. Many of these not entirely worthless have been sent to the County Farm for the use of its inmates.

Since the last report of the Trustees the Library has been removed from Warren's block to the new room provided for it by the city. The present location is central and convenient, and the room is ample for the present needs of the Library, though somewhat deficient in closet room and in facilities for obtaining water.

During the year the Trustees have finished the work of renumbering the books upon a system by which they are arranged in classes according to their subjects. A card catalogue has also been completed, based upon the same plan, and containing copious references to the contents of books, and an exhaustive analysis of the subjects treated of in them. This catalogue is of a permanent character, as it can be kept complete for any length of time with very little trouble, and is of great value, not only to the general reader, but especially so to those who may desire to use the library books for purposes of study. A list, abbreviated from this catalogue, containing all the information necessary for the ready finding of books, has been prepared and printed, and is on sale at the Library room.

We have also adopted a new method of keeping the record of books loaned and returned, which in simplicity and efficiency is much superior to the old ledger system, besides being much cheaper, as no books of record are kept, and the cost of the heavy ledgers, heretofore in use, is saved. Among its other advantages, it allows us to trace easily lost books, which has long been a matter of much difficulty.

In effecting these changes we have had solely in view the usefulness of the Library to all classes of readers. The continually increasing number of books, and their great variety, had rendered necessary some system by which the large mass of information could become readily and quickly available, and by which the student of any age could turn at once to the subject to which he desired to refer. It is one step, and a long one, toward attaining the legitimate object of a Public Library — that of furnishing the means of instruction and education instead of amusement only. With this object in view, also, we have endeavored to place upon the shelves works of

an enduring character — such as should render the Library more and more valuable as it increased in size, instead of filling it with books of a sensational nature, which become useless and valueless when their short day has passed. The Library, being a public institution, ought, of course, to supply the wants of all readers, but it has been our aim to furnish only the best books of the many different classes which we are obliged to furnish. The Library is somewhat lacking in the classics, but this deficiency can and ought to be remedied shortly by purchasing a few books of that character at a time, and thus not interfering with the purchase of those for which there is a more pressing demand. The great advance in historical research within a few years has enabled us to add several very valuable works to the department of history, as we think that the Library should be as perfect in this respect as may be. The radical change in opinion in regard to many important facts in ancient history, and the great accession of knowledge concerning it, has been chiefly owing to the labors of many eminent scholars in the study of philology, and their untiring efforts in antiquarian research, and the results of the work of many of them are upon our shelves and we intend to keep pace, so far as there may be a demand, with the steady march of scientific investigation in nearly all its departments, and we have endeavored to furnish books of such a reliable character that the masters of our high school can confidently send their pupils to the Library for reading to supplement their text books.

From the multitude of juvenile books issued from the press it is difficult to choose. Many of them, and perhaps the greater part, are the very poorest kind of fiction. Too much thought and care cannot be given this subject of finding suitable reading for the young. Nothing is more desirable than that they should form book-loving habits and a pure literary taste, yet nothing is farther from cultivating a love for profitable books, or forming correct taste, than indiscriminate reading—and the more there is of it, perhaps, the worse for the readers. It is our aim to place such books in the Library that parents can with confidence encourage their children to

use it, feeling that they will find there books that are healthy in their tone—tending neither to vitiate their tastes or pollute their morals. It is very desirable that the young people of our city early become accustomed to consult the Library, in order that its influence for good may be more widespread and enduring; and a good Library should meet their demands in every step of their advance in knowledge and culture.

Your Library is not only a great public benefit, but is becoming, if it is not already, a public necessity. During its removal and the changes and improvements it was deemed necessary to make the past summer, its doors were closed longer than we intended or desired, and though our citizens bore the delay patiently, yet the many inquiries in regard to it gave ample evidence that a demand has been created for it which is very encouraging for its future. The liberal patronage bestowed upon it, and the increasing call for good books, show that it has taken its place with our schools as a means of education. It is impossible to calculate its influence in promoting the culture, refinement and intellectual progress of our city, available as it is to all classes and all ages. As it enlarges it will be a continually increasing labor and care to those who have it in charge, and it is now and probably always will be some expense to the city; but, considering its great and increasing power for moral and intellectual good in the community, that labor is well spent, and the money furnished by the city will prove an investment which, as it is more lasting in its effects than any other, so it will be found to be more profitable.

WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN,
D. W. GILBERT,
E. J. C. GILBERT,
M. R. OSBORNE,
K. L. TILDEN,
CHAS. H. HERSEY,
Trustees Public Library.

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I beg leave to submit the following report of this office for rents, &c., for the year ending Dec. 1, 1881:

Rec'd S. Wadsworth & Co., store rent,	$400	00
" " " heating 9 months,	37	50
" " " water rents,	7	00
" A. H. Grimes, store rent,	400	00
" " " heating 8 months,	33	25
" " " water rents,	7	00
" C. W. Wyman, store rent,	350	00
" " " heating 9 months,	18	75
" " " water rents,	7	00
" Knowlton & Stone, land rent,	20	00
" P. P. Woodbury, license on billiard tables,	30	00
" W. H. Buttrick, " " "	20	00
" J. M. Ryan, " " "	10	00
" H. S. Conillard, " " "	10	00
" J. H. Murray, circus license,	30	00
" O. S. Gleason, old lumber,	10	00
" R. Richard, " "	4	12
" Davis, Wright & Co., stoves and pipe,	42	70
	$1,437	32
Deposited with Treasurer,	$1,437	32

Respectfully submitted.

L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from Dec. 1, 1880, to Dec. 1, 1881:

1880. Dec. 1.	Cash on hand,	$15 00
1881. Jan. 13.	Messrs. Merrill & Maynard,	30 00
" 18.	Boston Theatre Co.,	50 00
" 19.	Boston Theatre Co.,	50 00
" 20.	Keene Light Guards,	35 00
" 21.	Keene High School,	25 00
" 27.	Beaver Brook Lodge,	20 00
" 28.	C. F. Rowell,	25 00
" 29.	Keene High School,	25 00
Feb. 1.	Chase Brothers,	30 00
" 10.	Universalist Society,	25 00
" 11.	Keene High School,	16 00
" 14.	Keene Minstrels,	25 00
" 16.	C. H. Smith, Humpty Dumpty,	30 00
" 18.	Keene Fire Department,	25 00
" 23.	Keene Light Guards,	15 00
" 24.	John Sedgwick Post, No. 4, G. A. R.,	20 00
" 25.	" " " " "	20 00
" 28.	C. H. Smith,	25 00
Mar. 1.	" "	25 00
" 2.	Universalist Society,	18 00
" 15.	Union School Meeting,	5 00
" 16.	Keene Light Guards,	8 00
" 17.	C. F. Rowell,	30 00
" 28.	" "	25 00
" 30.	" "	25 00
" 31.	Union School Meeting,	10 00
April 2.	Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels,	25 00

April 4.	C. H. Smith,	$25 00
" 7.	Keene Minstrels,	25 00
" 12.	C. F. Rowell,	25 00
" 15.	Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West,	30 00
" 16.	C. F. Rowell.	25 00
	Keene High School,	10 00
May 3.	Unitarian Society,	22 00
" 5.	C. H. Smith,	25 00
	Cash for two old settees sold,	3 00
" 19.	Boston Museum Co.,	30 00
" 28.	Denman Thompson Co.,	30 00
" 31.	John Sedgwick Post, No. 4 G. A. R.,	5 00
June	C. F. Rowell,	30 00
" 5.	" "	15 00
" 27.	Union School District,	10 00
Aug. 18.	Reunion 14th Regiment,	5 00
Sept 10.	New Orleans Minstrels,	25 00
" 28.	J. M. Hill.	25 00
Oct. 1.	Anthony & Ellis,	30 00
" 7.	Kit Clarke, Rentz Minstrels,	25 00
" 12.	Deluge Hose Co.,	14 00
" 19.	California Minstrels,	25 00
" 20.	Chase Brothers,	30 00
Nov. 11.	Keene Band,	15 00
" 15.	J. H. Wright,	30 00
" 23.	Irish Land League,	25 00
" 26.	Mr. Bailey's Entertainments,	12 00
" 29.	Norfolk Jubilee Singers,	17 00
" 30.	Hazle Kirke,	30 00
		$1,295 00
	Paid City Treasurer,	$1,295 00

EDWIN O. KEITH, *City Messenger.*

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Councils:

I submit the following report:—

Lowell Wilbur vs. Keene. The costs in this case, amounting to $53.34, were paid the city by Mr. Wilbur's administrator in September.

Keene vs. Silas Hardy. This suit was brought to recover the sum of $6.00, being the amount expended by the Board of Health in removing from land of defendant certain obstructions and accumulations existing in a portion of the brook leading from Symonds' tannery to the Ashuelot river. These accumulations were deemed by the Board to be injurious to the public health. The case was tried before Hon. E. L. Cushing, as referee, who found that the accumulations were not injurious to health. The case was therefore decided for the defendant. Execution against the city for $21.35 costs has been satisfied.

State vs. Keene. Indictment for defective highway. This was dismissed at the last term of Court, on payment of $13.66 costs by the city.

Elizabeth E. Jennison vs. Keene. This action, which is still pending, is for damages to plaintiff's land by water, alleged to have been caused by the construction of Foster street. The amount claimed is one hundred dollars.

Keene vs. Henry O. Esty. This was an action on the note which the city holds against Mr. Esty. The suit was withdrawn on the payment of costs and $500, which has been applied on the note. Additional security for the payment of the balance was also furnished, and such arrangements were made as render it probable that the whole note will be paid during the next year.

The Manchester & Keene Railroad Company vs. Keene. This action was commenced Nov. 15, 1880, to recover the

amount of the gratuity voted by the city to said Company. The case was referred to Hon. Isaac W. Smith, Hon. Jeremiah Smith and Hon. William L. Putnam. The trial at Manchester was begun May 10, and closed June 3. The referees were asked to find (1.) whether the road was "completed for use" on or before Dec. 1, 1878. (2.) If not, whether it has since been so completed, and, if so, when. The referees found on these points in the following language:

"A majority of the referees find that on the first day of December, 1878, the railroad of the plaintiff corporation was constructed from Greenfield to the terminus in Keene, and was reasonably safe, fit and convenient for the public use and accommodation, as new railroads are ordinarily used in similar localities. Upon the foregoing facts a majority of the referees find that the railroad from Greenfield to the terminus in Keene was completed for use on the first day of December, 1878.

"The defendants claimed that the words 'completed for use' in the resolution of the City Councils have the same force and meaning as the simple word 'completed' would have, and requested the referees to report the facts bearing upon that construction." * * * * * * * * * *

"If the defendants' contention as to the construction to be given the words 'completed for use' is right, then the referees find that said railroad was not completed for use on the first day of December, 1878." * * * * * * * *

"The referees find that on the first day of September, 1880, said railroad from Greenfield to its terminus in Keene, was completed for use, giving to the words 'completed for use' the force and meaning contended for by the defendants."

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I annex hereto the full report of the referees. The case is now before the Supreme Court, on questions of law. A decision is expected in March next.

There are now pending in Court five cases against Messrs. Dawe & Bonnallie, in which the city is summoned as trustee, on account of the said gratuity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ABBOTT, *Solicitor.*

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of Keene for the municipal year ending Dec. 1, 1881. In it your honorable body will find a summary of some of the duties and services performed by the Department:

Whole number of arrests, 105; 96 were for drunkenness, and 9 for stealing. Of the number for stealing 7 were males, and 2 females.

Seven of the above were sent to the House of Correction at Westmoreland, 2 were sent to the Industrial School, 10 were fined by Police Justice and paid fines, and 86 were discharged by promising to do better in the future.

One stray horse returned to owner; 1 stolen team returned to owner; 18 poor people lodged and fed; 23 truant children sent to school; 27 intoxicated persons sent home; 19 families visited to quell disturbances on account of drunkenness.

Stolen money returned to owners,	$156.07
Stolen goods returned to owners,	65.00
Received from intoxicated lodgers,	11.10
Deposited with City Treasurer Dec. 12,	11 10

I would say we find it very hard for some saloon keepers to close their places of business at the time required, while others do it willingly. The drug stores are very willing to keep open doors Sundays, and some of them all night at any time they can sell drugs, without regard to orders from any city authorities.

For expenses of Police Department see Finance Report.

With many thanks to His Honor the Mayor and other members of the City Councils for their support and valuable counsel and assistance in the performance of my duties, and to the citizens and police department for their ready assistance at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL O. GATES, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report:

Seventeen civil actions have been entered before said Justice the past year.

There have been thirty-two arraignments before said Justice, for the following causes, viz:

Embezzlement,	1
Selling incumbered real estate.	1
Larceny,	1
Selling spirituous liquor,	1
Going about begging.	1
Vagrancy,	1
Burglary.	1
Disorderly conduct.	1
Wanton injury to property.	1
To furnish sureties of the peace.	2
Indecent conduct,	2
Being common drunkards.	3
Being drunk.	8
Assaults.	8

These cases were disposed of as follows:—

Sentenced to pay fines conditionally.	1
" " unconditionally.	10
Sent to House of Correction,	8
Held to answer at Supreme Court,	3
Ordered to find sureties of the peace.	2
Not prosecuted to judgment,	7
Discharged on trial.	1

Of those sentenced to pay fines. ten paid their fines. thirty-nine dollars (39.00.)

Committed for non-payment to House of Correction.	1

Fines received for the use of the city, $39.00.

In two of the foregoing cases the respondents were minors. and on proper application were sent to the Reform School.

Keene, Dec. 1, 1881. E. FARRAR, *Justice.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

In presenting our Annual Report for the year ending Nov. 30, 1881, we beg leave to say that the city is in great need of a home for the poor, not only for the benefit of those needing to be its inmates, but as a matter of economy on the part of the city. When the act was passed making all who had not gained a settlement in the towns since 1860 a County charge, it took from the towns and city nearly all the poor who received their entire support from the towns, and transferred them to the County Almshouse, and the city, not then needing an almshouse, sold the farm, and the poor have since that time been cared for as best they could be under the varying circumstances. Since that act went into effect there have been great changes; most of the poor then needing care have been removed by death, and others have come to take their places, but are a City instead of a County charge. These we have had to provide for as best we could, getting them boarded where we could. Many of them could have been better provided for, and at less expense to the city, had there been a home provided.

We have been at a very large expense for one Edward Ballou, who has been sick at Winchester for the past eighteen months, a part of which could have been saved if we had had a suitable place here to which he could have been moved.

For further information consult Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DAVIS,
G. KINGSBURY,
D. H. HOLBROOK,
SHUBAEL WHITE,
PHILANDER HOWLAND,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Hon. Councils of the City of Keene:

Your Health Commissioners during the past year have attended to the various subjects of complaint brought to their notice in such manner as seemed consistent with their duty, and within the powers belonging to their office.

We are happy to report that, in nearly all cases, parties complained of have complied with our orders in the spirit of good citizens and with commendable promptness. It is creditable to popular intelligence that those who, from small pecuniary considerations, obstinately persist in allowing their premises to become a source of danger and offence to their neighbors, do not thereby raise themselves in public esteem, even if they successfully defy the law.

No fact is better established than that life is saved and good health promoted by a scrupulous regard to sanitary regulations in our towns and about our homes. Scarcely any fact of the same importance is passed over with so little earnest attention, though some communities are waking up to its importance. A sickly individual or community cannot be prosperous. The diseases which are now regarded as preventable mostly destroy the young and middle aged, so that, in a material point of view alone, the sickness and death which would amount in one year to an endemic would be a greater loss to our prosperity than the cost of the most thorough measures to prevent it. The same fatality distributed through several years may not cause so much alarm, but is no less costly to the community. In some of the first cities, associations are formed with a view to supplement the work of the authorities. The members of these, by payment of a small annual assessment, secure the periodical examination of their premises by a thoroughly qualified person, with plans for such changes in plumbing, drainage, &c., as are deemed necessary

to secure the greatest degree of safety. While such a plan as this may be in advance of our necessities, we would recommend that every householder keep an Argus eye to the deficiencies of *his own*, as well as his neighbors' premises.

We would especially recommend that a liberal policy be applied to extending our water works so as to afford a supply of wholesome water to all where it is practicable. We are reliably informed that some tenements in the city have no better source of water supply than the polluted current of Beaver brook.

The questions of public drainage and its necessity press upon us everywhere. We have no plan to urge, but commend it to the intelligent discussion of citizens. We believe, however, that the treatment of all sewage matter of dwelling houses by the dry earth system, and its frequent removal, is, so far as practicable, greatly in advance of any system of sewerage, which, without perfect plumbing and trapping, is liable to become an avenue of contagion from any infected family to every other connected with it.

LEONARD WELLINGTON,
JULIUS N. MORSE,
JOHN J. HOLBROOK,
Health Commissioners.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Hon. City Councils of the City of Keene:

I submit the following report.

The number of paupers subject to my care during the year has been 167—County paupers 100, city paupers 67.

There have been three births and four deaths.

We have not been visited by any serious epidemic. But more caution should be exercised in the management of sick-rooms, cellars, sewers, cesspools, privies, water-closets and sink drains. The contaminated air from such sources generates many diseases.

The prevention of filth in its various forms constitutes, without doubt, the greatest and most urgent sanitary need in every community.

Children should be guarded against exposure to diphtheria, scarlatina and measles, as the contagion is very tenacious, and can be conveyed by the clothing. This precaution would prevent many schools from being interrupted, and lives from being sacrificed.

A number of families, as usual, have been aided by individual benevolence. The County Commissioners and Overseers of the Poor have been humane in caring for that unfortunate class that we always have with us.

Those assisted have shown a willingness to make no more expense than was necessary, and have seemed to appreciate what has been done for them.

Respectfully, GARDNER C. HILL,

City Physician.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1879.

Amount of taxes called for as per warrant.		$62,521 84
Interest collected to date.		122 97
		$62,644 81
Abatements to date,	$ 1,531 40	
Deposited with Treasurer,	60,763 31	
" " Dec. 16, 1881,	350 10	
		$62,644 81

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L O. GATES, *Collector.*

REPORT FOR 1881.

Amount called for as per warrant,		$70,601 40
Am't deposited with Treasurer to date,	$54,800 00	
Abatements to date.	521 53	
		$55,321 53
Balance uncollected,		$15,279 87

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L O. GATES. *Collector.*

Keene, Dec. 16, 1881.